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STEWARDSHIP REVIVAL--1954

Northern Baptists Oppose Bomb Tests

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (RNS)—An end to United States tests of atomic or hydrogen bombs "in areas where danger and fear of danger to other nations result" was urged by the American Northern Baptist Convention at its annual meeting here.

Messengers called upon the United Nations to continue its quest for universal enforceable disarmament with an adequate system of inspection and control.

The government was asked to release non-critical atomic information to other nations and private industry "to promote further progress in medicine, industry and other peaceful pursuits."

By overwhelming vote, the Messengers rejected a proposal to commend Congress for its "efforts to root out Communism or similar ideologies" from government. The proposal, made from the floor, would have amended a resolution, presented by a committee and later adopted, calling on Congress to correct certain procedures of investigation.

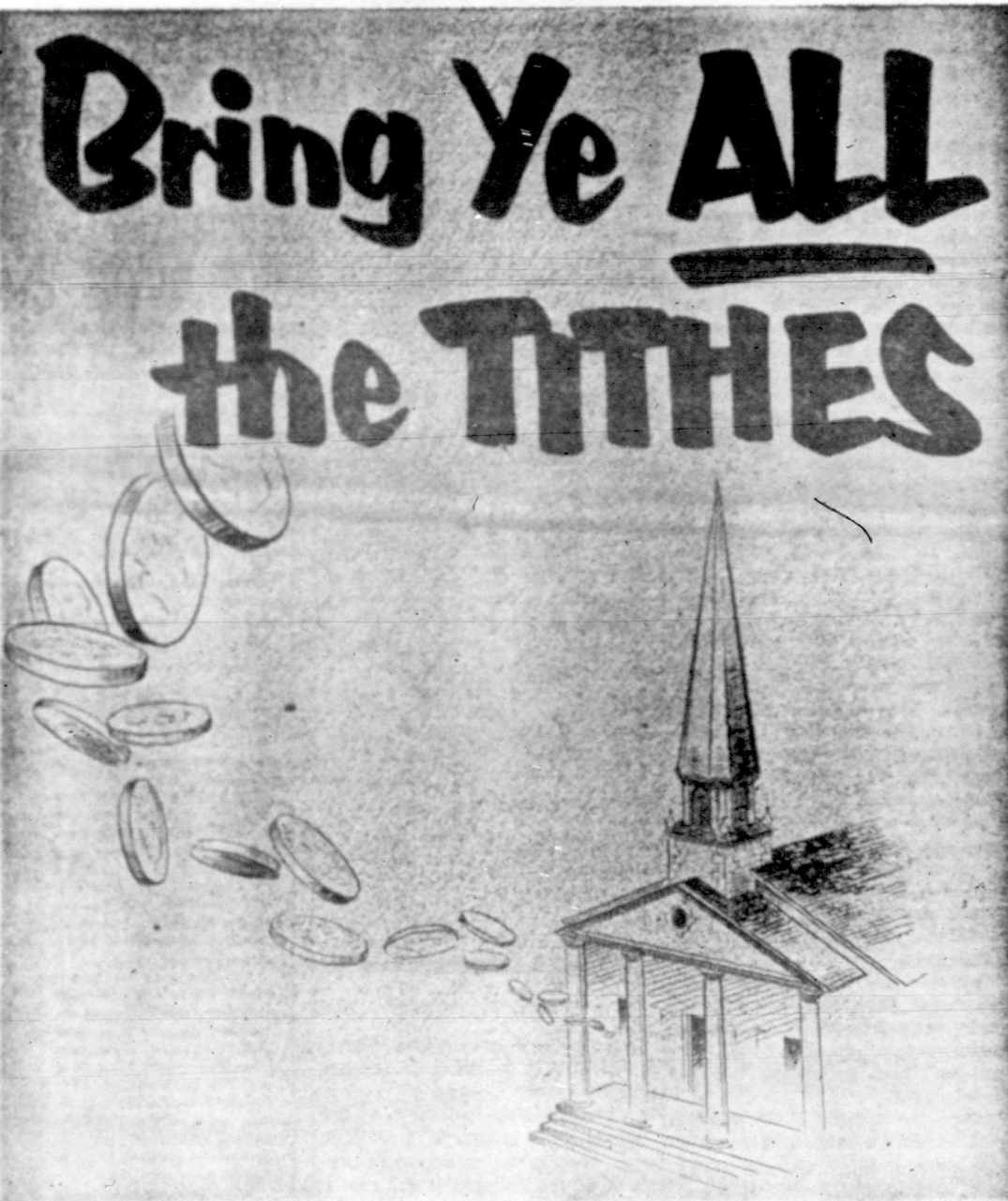
The resolution as adopted recognized "the right and duty of Congress to conduct such investigations" but added:

"We see a threat to freedom in the fact that Congressional investigating committees tend to assume the prerogatives of judge and jury (Continued On Page Two)

Reader's Digest Blasts Comics

There is an article in the May issue of Reader's Digest on Comic Books, the sub-title of which is "Blueprints for Delinquency." The question is asked, "When will we wake up to the frightful harm being done by crime comics?" The writer speaks of a boy named Willie who shot a man at a baseball game at New York's Citi Field Grounds in July of 1950. The bullet seemed to be fired at random from a neighboring apartment. After search the boy was found to have two rifles and a high powered target pistol though he was but 14 years of age. It was also found that he was a rabid comic-book reader and that the books which he had were well thumbed and contained stories of violence and sex. One of the bright colored advertisements urged, "Got a sweet shootin' . . . and got in on the fun." Another picture shows a lecherous-looking bandit overpowering an attractive, scantily clad girl. Many (Continued On Page Two)

ABC Days - Ask God - Believe Him Commit Thy Ways



Stewardship Revival Set For Oct. 31-Nov. 7 or Nearest Date

Stewardship emphasis for Mississippi Baptists during 1954 will be climaxed Oct. 31-Nov. 7 when literally hundreds of our churches observe stewardship Revival-1954.

Some churches will of necessity observe another date but most will from early observations follow the Southern Baptist and Mississippi Baptist suggested date.

Early indications are that a lar-

ger number of churches will participate than did last year.

Already, during May, nearly 200 churches have sent in their commitment cards and they are listed on the center page spread in this issue.

The other churches are urged, however, to send in their commitment cards as soon as possible so the proper amount and kind of

materials may be provided later for them.

The lists of churches that send in their cards later will be published at a later date in the Baptist Record.

Alternate Plans are being suggested this year—Plan A and Plan B.

Plan A is the same Plan as used (Continued On Page Two)

Stewardship Week For 1954 To Have Real Possibilities

By CHESTER L. QUARLES
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Stewardship Revival-1954, to be observed Oct. 31-Nov. 7 or nearest convenient date stands to have great possibilities in the development of the spiritual life of Mississippi Baptists.

Taking the past years as a criterion we believe even greater results can be expected as our churches observe the week this year in greater numbers.

Mississippi Baptists this year thus are making real progress spiritually and in stewardship and giving and we believe that it is due in part certainly to the successful observance last fall of the School of Stewardship.

The possibilities of this year's observance of Stewardship Revival will be felt in many ways.

We may expect first of all a deepened spirituality. When people study and hear and learn of the Bible truths of stewardship it does something to their whole spiritual life.

We may expect also more lib-
era, larger church budgets, increased giving and a more enlightened consciousness of the importance of stewardship and giving.

We may expect an awakening of a renewed emphasis on missions, particularly world missions.

Missions and stewardship go hand in hand and increased emphasis on stewardship will be so (Continued On Page Two)

NIGERIAN COUPLE AMONG SBC VISITORS

Dressed in flowing native prints, their faces scarred with tribal markings, the Rev. and Mrs. Emanuel Ajayi Dahunsi of Abeokuta, Nigeria, were among those from lands attending the Southern Baptist Convention

The couple, both converts to Christianity from native religions, came from Louisville, Ky., where both are attending college, he the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and she the University of Louisville. They have been in the United States since August of 1953.

Rev. Dahunsi explained the series of scars on each cheek as markings made by the "tribal specialist" to identify them as members of the tribe. This custom, he added, is now becoming outmoded.

"We used to feel," he said, "that we needed them to identify us as part of a group, but now, with Christianity growing in our com- (Continued On Page Two)

Northern Baptists

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in dealing with persons thought to be Communist or Communist-sympathizers."

Other resolutions:

Criticized the McCarren-Walter act of 1952 for its "discrimination against a large section of Asia" and urged its revision. Legislation facilitating the entry of the full quota under the refugee relief act of 1953 also was urged.

Asked distribution of surplus American foods to hungry and needy peoples overseas by voluntary agencies without damaging the economies of other nations.

Called on the Senate to restore the full appropriation of \$15,000,000, cut by the House to \$9,000,000 for the exchange of persons educational program.

Urged the government to divorce technical assistance and economic aid from United States military policy.

Reaffirmed Baptist opposition to universal military training as "a serious danger to democracy and Christian morals."

Commended the Supreme Court for its decision outlawing segregation in public education and urged American Baptists to increase their opposition to other areas of segregation—housing, employment, recreation, church participation.

Supported the Bryson bill to prohibit interstate advertising of alcoholic beverages on radio, on television and in print "as an effective means of curbing excessive and fraudulent claims by the beverage alcohol industry."

Urged a program of total abstinence from alcoholic beverages from American Baptists.

Indorsed the proposal for ministers' voluntary participation in federal Social Security.

Asked local church social action committees to make available to fellow Baptists reliable and non-partisan material concerning candidates in forthcoming elections.

Encouraged "earnest" prayer for the success of the second assembly of the World Council of Churches in Evanston, Ill., in August and supported interdenominational cooperation at all levels.

Called for "continuation of a strong and vital program of evangelism for the purpose of winning the lost to Christ and quickening the spiritual lives of active members" and encouraged "united efforts and prayer for a nationwide spiritual awakening."

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Stewardship Revival

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last year—a School of Stewardship, and is suggested for those that did not participate last year.

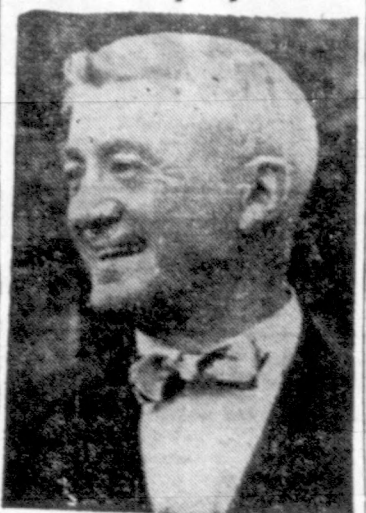
Plan B is a Stewardship Revival, featuring sermon, study and visitation, and is suggested for those churches that did participate last year.

A check of the committal cards thus far received show that most of the churches are planning to use Plan B.

Last year hundreds of Mississippi churches observed the week with tremendous results and even more are expected to this year.

Materials for conducting the Week are being prepared and will be sent to all committed churches, according to the Plan selected to use.

Assembly Speaker



PETER COLLOM

Peter Collom, Washington, D.C., editor of Fisher of Men, will be one of the program personalities when the fourth annual state Pastor's Assembly meets July 5-9 at Camp Garaywa.

The assembly will begin Monday with registration scheduled for 4 o'clock and the program proper beginning at 7:15.

Pastors from every section of the state are expected to attend with an outstanding program arranged, including inspiration, information, relaxation and recreation.

One other out-of-state personality will be present in the person of Dr. T. B. Lackey, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

Other state personalities to be on program will include Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Rev. Martin J. Gilbert, Dr. C. E. Wilbanks, W. C. Morgan, all of Jackson; Rev. Troy Prince, Carthage; Dr. T. J. Delaughter, Pascagoula; Rev. Schuyler Batson, Bay St. Louis; Rev. Carl Duck, Morton; Rev. C. H. Cutrell, Calhoun City; Rev. Sam Brown, Ackerman; Rev. James Kirkendall, Philadelphia; Dr. D. L. Hill, Corinth; Rev. O. B. Robertson, Raleigh; and Dr. Wilford C. Tyler, Blue Mountain.

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Stewardship Week

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flected in increased mission gifts of the churches.

We may expect a renewed consciousness of the fact that "Churches are stewards too" with the result that churches will see their responsibility in increasing their mission percentages as they call on their people to increase their giving.

Since stewardship is basic to all that we do we may expect a general increase in every phase of our work and in every department of activity.

The extent of the impact of Stewardship Revival—1954 on Mississippi Baptist life will be determined by the extent to which Mississippi Baptist churches participate.

The outlook is encouraging. Nearly 200 churches already—during May—have sent in their committal cards.

May we take this means of urging every Mississippi Baptist church to observe the Week and get your committal card in soon.

Stewardship Revival—1954 has tremendous possibilities. May we capitalize on them.

McKinster Becomes Dean At Clear Creek School

Rev. Martin V. McKinster of Flora becomes Dean of Instruction at Clear Creek Springs Mountain Preacher's Bible School, Pineville, Kentucky, on June 15. Clear Creek Springs Mountain Preacher's Bible School is owned and supported by the Kentucky Baptist General Association.

Mr. McKinster is a grandson of a pioneer Baptist minister who served in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia. He received his education at Wayne County High School, Wayne, West Virginia; West Virginia Junior College, Philippi, West Virginia; Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi; University of Alabama, and the New Orleans Seminary. He is listed in Who's Who in American Education.

He has been very active in Mississippi Baptist life. He served as pastor at Crowder, Elmsville, Macedonia and State Line. From 1944 to 1947 he was Dean of Instruction at Clarke Memorial College. He was First Vice-President of the Mississippi Baptist Convention 1949-50, and was twice a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

He married Miss Grace Sigrest of Jackson, Mississippi. They have two children, a son, David, 11, and a daughter, Paula, 7.

—BR—

Endorse Victory Club

BY CLYDE C. BRYAN

Pastor, First Church, Hattiesburg



CLYDE C. BRYAN

Mississippi Baptists have a most practical way in which to support William Carey College by joining the Victory Club. Members of the Victory Club pledge to give \$1.00 each week to the enlargement program of the college.

I would certainly recommend the Victory Club to anyone interested in the advancement of William Carey College. The college is now enjoying a rebirth of enthusiasm, substantial growth in student body, and an enlarged ministry in the cause of Christian education. The college must have generous and consistent financial support now if it is to meet the responsibilities of this new era of opportunity and progress.

—BR—

After trying the Baptist Record on trial a few weeks, Hince Church, Winston County, sent a nice list of subscriptions. Rev. Hugh Smith is the pastor.

Nigerian Couple

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try, we feel we are brothers of everyone and do not need these distinguishing markings."

Both Rev. Dahunsi, 39, and his wife, Deborah, 34, speak excellent English, with a slightly British accent. Before being sent to this country by the Nigerian Baptist Convention, of which Rev. Dahunsi was recording secretary for several years, they taught in Baptist schools in Nigeria. And when they have completed their education, they will return to teach there.

The Dahunsis created quite a stir in the lobby of the Jefferson Hotel with their costumes, donned for the convention. Rev. Dahunsi wore a native "oyala" robe of gray print, topped with a flat round hat of black velvet embroidered in silver. His wife wore a robe of blue print, with a turban-like multi-colored headdress.

—BR—

Rev. and Mrs. Ewell Payne and Rev. and Mrs. Charles Ginn, missionaries to the Cherokee Indians, invite you to worship in some of the 17 Indian churches in the Cherokee Reservation in western North Carolina during your vacation trip. They also urge tourists to refrain from using the Lord's day for amusement and that they do not heed the drama, UNTO THESE HILLS, on Sunday and Wednesday nights.

Readers Digest

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such pictures are also seen in advertisements of movies. The circulation of comic books reaches to about 90 million today. One crime comic book—a veritable primer of juvenile delinquency—claims six million readers. The majority of such books are crime comics. Some illustrations of what these crime comics do are cited:

1. Three boys, six to eight years old, took a boy of seven, hanged him nude from a tree, his hands tied behind him, then burned him with matches. Investigating officers found that the boys were re-enacting a comic book plot.

2. A boy of 11 killed a woman in a holdup. When arrested, he was found surrounded by comic books.

3. A boy of 13 committed a "just murder" of a girl of six. Arrested and jailed, he asked only for comic books.

In the closing paragraph the writer says: "The crime comics' distillation of viciousness is unparalleled in the history of children's literature of any time or any nation—The Covenanter Witness."

—BR—

The New Enterprise Church was organized recently in Mississippi Association, according to a report from Rev. D. O. Horne, superintendent of missions. The church made a good beginning by making an initial offering of \$13.90 for the Cooperative Program.

The Curtain Closes...

FOR NEW MEMBERS IN THE MINISTERS RETIREMENT PLAN

Ministers Retirement Plan will close to all new members on July 1, 1954. After that date, new members will participate in the plan then in effect.

By coming into the MRP now, you will be given 2% credit for each year of service you have rendered back to the date of inauguration of the Plan in your state. The only reduction will be for lack of dues paid. For the member 35 or over, this is a definite advantage.

The Ministers Retirement Plan is the only door through which a pastor may enter the Ministers' Security Plan, and still retain these credits. Ministers Retirement Plan dues are 3% for members—3% for church—2% for convention, on a maximum salary basis of \$4,000 per year. You can receive an annuity up to \$2,000 per year.

Write your state executive secretary, or the Relief and Annuity Board for application blanks. Fill them out, enclose a check for your first month's dues, and return at once to your state office. Join the Ministers Retirement Plan now.

MINISTERS RETIREMENT PLAN



Stewardship

The major emphasis of this issue of the Baptist Record is given to the subject of stewardship with the hope of increasing interest in Stewardship Revival Week scheduled for October 31-November 7. Of course, there will be some churches that cannot observe that date. They are urged to use the nearest available and convenient time.

The Scope

The word stewardship doesn't refer to money alone. It means US. Empty indeed would be a life where money alone was the sole item of stewardship. It means the dedication of time, talent, money, and self. The purpose of Stewardship Week is to teach just that.

Its aim is to enlist our people in giving themselves.

Money is never a problem when a person dedicates himself. A person who is a real steward is willing to use his talents, his time, and his money.

The Reach

Stewardship involves all of us. It includes the men, the women, the boys and the girls. It includes our time in worship and worship is far more than the morning preaching service. If it is okay for some to miss the night service, it is okay for the others. And this is true of the Sunday School, the Training Union, the Brotherhood, the WMU, and all the other allied services.

It includes personal witnessing. When Christ said, "Ye shall be witnesses," he did not mean just a few, but ALL. And when we are faithful stewards in these fields, we will need no Every Member Canvass Committees. We will already be giving in a worthy way, for people's money usually goes where their heart is.

The Results

Spiritually the results will be large. When people in large numbers give themselves the power of the pulpit increases; the popularity of the church grows; the esteem of the outsiders is heightened; the spirituality of the members rises; and the rewards in heaven will be more and the stars in their crowns brighter.

Those reached become stewards. The lost will be won, the indifferent enlisted and the roll of the heaven-bound will be enlarged.

Financially

Financial results will be enlightened and astounded. Many churches that observed Stewardship Week last year report increased interest, larger attendance, and offerings far beyond expectation.

A Word of Warning

No church can be compelled to join in this observance. But every

church that fails will be the loser. Let's make Mississippi's observance outstanding and the results will be outstanding.

—BR—

To Our Dads

"... Dad brings home the bacon,
And has the kids to dress;
And his one recreation is to
Read the Daily Press.
Sometimes he is so tired,
That his paper falls to the floor;
And before you hardly know it,
Dear old Dad begins to snore.
'Tis then we notice the wrinkles,
And that his hair is getting gray;
But even as he slumbers
He dreams of a better day.
He wants the kids to be happy
And enjoy the things of life;
So that's why Daddy struggles
And puts up with the toil and
strife.
Many things could be said about
Daddy,
If we told them one by one;
And we know the angels will care
for him
When his earthly work is done."

Next Sunday, June 20, is Father's Day. The first celebration of Father's Day was held in Spokane, Washington on the third Sunday in June, 1910.

Our Christian fathers deserve our love and honor and praise for a number of reasons.

It is the father who has the responsibility for showing firmness in controlling his child's behavior; he is not blinded by love to his child's faults, but helps his child correct his weaknesses.

A father offers security, both physically and emotionally. A child is not afraid of the dark if Daddy is with him.

It is Daddy who always knows how to "fix" everything—whether it be a broken top, a skinned knee, or a broken heart. He is a willing listener to every problem.

A FATHER'S HAND



He shares in the children's play as well as in the work.

The Christian father is a good sport. He takes the good with the bad. He sacrifices that his wife and children may have the best. Often he does without things he'd like very much to have so that his children can have the clothes and the education that they need. When obstacles come he has the courage to face them.

He is dependable and will keep his promises. He is kind, gentle, humorous, unselfish, understanding, neighborly, and honest. He lives to make others happy.

The Christian father points his children to the Heavenly Father by the example he sets. He teaches his children to pray and to read the Bible. He doesn't send his children to church. He goes with them. And he strives to be the man his child thinks he is.

It is no wonder that we want to set aside a day especially to say "Thank you" to our dads! They deserve our gratitude.

An eight-year-old boy was ill in the hospital. The doctor told the father of the child that his son had only a few days to live. After thinking the matter over, the father decided that it would be best to tell his son the whole situation. When he finished, he asked, "Are you afraid, son?" "No, Daddy, if God is like you, then I know everything will be all right."

"Only a dad, but he gives his all,
To smooth the way for his children small,
Doing with courage stern and grim
The deeds that his father did for him
This is the line for him I pen—
Only a daddy, but the best of men."

As Others Saw It

(Editor's Note: In order that our readers may get a cross section of Southern Baptist thought concerning the Southern Baptist Convention which recently met in St. Louis we give below, and will continue for a few weeks, some of the main thoughts of other Southern Baptist Editors. The editorial below which is slightly condensed is by John J. Hurt, Jr., editor of the Georgia Baptist Index.)

DANGER IN DEMOCRACY

Stampede a democratic organization, such as this Southern Baptist Convention, and you have dangers as great as those of any totalitarian government.

And, it isn't too difficult to start a stampede. You can shout "fire" in any crowded auditorium and the people will kill themselves trying to get out. Give a forceful leader the microphone and the people, if properly challenged, will let their enthusiasm smother their wisdom of more quiet moments.

This Convention lost itself on Friday morning in a stampede. It started on one issue when the word "commity" was tossed about rather freely. That's as much a fighting word among Baptists as "Communist" is in a political gathering.

It ran wild, did the stampede, when the Radio and Television Commission in effect said it could not properly serve the people if forced to stay in Atlanta six months or so longer than it must stay. Atlanta, whatever may have been intended, got a black eye.

But, lest credit be omitted when due, there was sanity in referral of the Home Mission Board's huge financial proposal to the Executive Committee at the Thursday night session. This might have been lost, however, if it had been called back to the floor during the stampede.

Too long, now, have our Baptist friends of Oregon-Washington been sparking the fire that may some day burn apart our ties with them in their fine program.

Just a year or two ago they sought what many considered a creed for Baptists. They wanted the Convention to spell out its position on alien immersion, open communion, and the like. That was defeated and the Southern Convention continues, as it has for 109 years.

Now, they have gone into Western Canada with our mission money and started assisting churches of that province. They say "Canada desperately needs the program which Southern Baptists have." (Continued on Page Four)

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We Observed Stewardship Week Last Year And Plan To Do So This Year

BY REV. CLARENCE CUTRELL,

Pastor, First Baptist Church
Calhoun City

We observed Stewardship Week last year and were so well pleased with the results that we plan not only to do so again this year but also to make it an annual event.

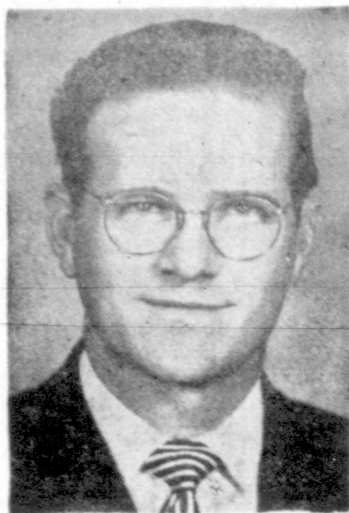
We used all of the recommended books and also planned some stewardship studies for our primaries. Following this week we experienced an increased interest in the mission program of our Lord as well as a renewed interest in our own local program.

The effect in our giving is seen in these figures. During the twelve weeks preceding the week of stewardship, our offerings averaged \$406.25 per week. In the twelve weeks which followed the effort, our gifts reached an average of \$508.62 per week—an increase of \$102.37 per week.

A comparison of the seven months following Stewardship Week with the same period of time one year ago reveals an increase of \$2,035.71 this year over the year before.

This table will tell the story:

1952-53	1953-54
\$1613.01	Nov. \$1975.93
2041.68	Dec. 1905.50
1714.56	Jan. 2221.98
1929.23	Feb. 2145.97
1934.50	March 2072.27
1718.84	April 2039.80



REV. CLARENCE CUTRELL

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This table shows that our giving is more consistent as well as being on the increase. We now have more members giving, more giving regularly, and more tithers. Yes! We will observe Stewardship Week this year, too.

—BR—

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Jerry De Laughter, Natchez; J. W. East Brandon; Jimmy Hodges, Hazlehurst; Richard B. Smith, Hardy; Marion Moore, Vicksburg; Sebe Dale, Columbia.

Joe Abrams III Takes Hollandale Music Post

JOE ABRAMS III

Joe Abrams III, of Clinton, recent graduate of Mississippi College, has accepted the post of music director at First Church, Hollandale, Rev. Mark Ferges, pastor.

He began his new work last Sunday and will serve the church part time in connection with his duties as band director for the Hollandale schools.

During the past two years at Mississippi College, he has served the Center Terrace Church, Canton, as music director.

—BR—

REV. J. W. STEEN

Rev. James William Steen, 80, died at his home in Florence after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Steen was a retired Baptist minister. He was born and reared in Florence and spent most of his life there working among his people.

He is survived by his wife Mrs. Maggie Burkett Steen; four daughters, Mrs. Ruth S. Young, Baton Rouge; Mrs. Lois S. Jordan, Petal; Mrs. Clyde S. Rutherford, Skardon, New York; Mrs. Mirian S. Skardon, New York, N.Y.; four sons, J. B. Steen, Vicksburg; J. N. Steen, Baltimore, Md.; R. W. Steen, Florence; W. C. Steen, College Park, Ga.; seven grandchildren, two sisters, Mrs. Annie S. Pearson, Florence; Mrs. Edna S. Barlow, Harrisville; one brother, J. H. Steen, Florence.

The funeral was conducted at Steen's Creek Church, with Rev. L. C. Hoff officiating.

CONDENSED PREPARATORY SCHEDULE FOR STEWARDSHIP REVIVAL—1954

Oct. 31-Nov 7 or Nearest Convenient Week

ABC DAYS

Ask God—Believe Him—Commit Thy Ways

Purpose: To enlist every church in the state to observe the Week and receive its tremendous benefits.

July-August-September-October—Church Commitment Months. Continued emphasis on commitment of churches to observe the Week. Churches that have not done so are urged to return their commitment cards now.

July-August-September—Completion of associational and church organizations. Stewardship Committees should be selected for each Association and each church as soon as possible.

July-August—Setting of date for September Associational Rally. Every association urged to set definite date for September Rally as soon as possible during the Summer.

September—Associational Rally Month. Every association urged to hold Rally at which final plans will be made for Stewardship Week observance in the churches of the association.

BAPTIST MINISTER IS BOYS' STATE GOVERNOR

For three days during the month of May, a licensed Baptist minister occupied the governor's chair of Mississippi and addressed a joint session of the legislature. Governor Ted Perry, Bay St. Louis, is a student of St. Stanislaus Academy in the Bay.

Sixteen year old Perry surrendered for the Baptist ministry two years ago and since that time has been most active in his local church—acting as Training Union Director this year and supplying the pulpit for his pastor, Rev. Schuyler Batson, and for many other churches along the coast.

The Sunday before leaving for

Boy's State, Ted Perry was licensed to preach by the First Church, Bay St. Louis.

He recently won a school-wide speech contest with his message, "What Christianity Can Do for the World."

During May at Boy's State in Jackson, Ted Perry was elected Governor of Boy's State. The week-long session ended this year with the Governor's Ball on Friday night in the Heidelberg Hotel. Young Perry's consecration to the task of training for the Baptist ministry was clearly evident by his statement to the press, "I will not attend this ball because of my religious work." He will go to Washington in July for Boy's Nation.

As Others Saw It

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thern Baptists alone can give."

We doubt the Southern Baptist monopoly. We believe it will alienate our Canadian friends in the Baptist World Alliance. We know we already have extended ourselves to the present limit. The stakes are being pulled out by the extended cords.

It is foolish to argue otherwise. There are new worlds to conquer but not all at once. Already, the need in Oregon-Washington and other new states is such that the Home Mission Board is seeking \$11,000,000 in new money for church buildings.

But, the Convention didn't get the full story. It was rushed into action here by the little time given for consideration. There had been only a week or two since the proposal was published in the denominational papers.

Significantly, we think, it was not brought to the Convention floor until the third morning. Then, opposition of Canada was termed "commity" and the like. It was not a fair word. Commity, so far as Southern Baptists are concerned, is associated with the National Council. It had nothing to do with this.

And, let's stop this business of being stampeded. There is safety in debate but it can't be rushed. There's safety in the Baptist democracy but such radical proposals need to be publicized for two months or so prior to the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Both the Canadian entry and the Radio Commissions transfer needed more time at the Convention. More, they needed publicity in the state papers of more than just a week or

two.

The Home Mission Board's church building program is dangerous. A loan of \$3,400,000 in the banks throws us back in the debt business. So does any campaign among the churches for designated funds destroy, at least in some measure, effectiveness of the Cooperative Program.

There also is danger in a "safety first" policy. Without question, we must do more than now. It is a question of which danger is the greater.

The Home Mission Board let its proposal go to the Executive Committee for thorough study. Then, if the Convention doesn't like what it does, the Convention can do as it likes. We commend Dr. Courts Redford and the Board.

This stampede of last Friday was something else. It is dangerous. It is more dangerous than may be realized.—J. J. H.

—BR—

Our Readers Write

GRENADA FIRST DISSENTS

The First Baptist Church of Grenada, Mississippi do hereby notify the President of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Executive Committee and the Christian Life Commission that we believe as follows:

1. That this Church is not in accord with the Convention endorsement of the recent "Supreme Court decision on segregation in public education"—a decision which we believe to have been based not on constitutional law, but upon political expediency. We further believe that since Baptists have professed to believe in separation of the powers of church and state, that there

was no excuse for such a recommendation to have been brought before the Convention—an endorsement of which could do no possible good, and which may result in a great deal of harm;

2. That we feel the Convention well knew that such an action was without meaning in so far as expressing the belief of all Southern Baptists, and the members of this church resent the implication by such resolution that all Southern Baptists endorse the action of the Supreme Court on this or any other decision;

3. That the aforementioned action dealt with extremely reactionary political matters and that a continuation of such actions by the Southern Baptist Convention could eventually cause the withdrawal of this and other churches from cooperation with the Southern Baptist Convention;

4. That in the future, any messengers sent from this Church to the Southern Baptist Convention are hereby requested by this Church to vote against things political; matters that pertain to the State; anything that smacks of socialism, modernism, or communism; and other resolutions that may cause strife, arguments, and civil disorders among the members of this Church or other brethren throughout the South.

Adopted by unanimous vote in regular business session on June 9, 1954.

A WARNING

Dear Editor:

Beware! Beware! Beware!

The emissaries of the synagogue of Satan are on the hoof.

In the past six months I have brushed elbows so to speak with some of these unpretending agents of the devil. They will try to destroy your faith in God and your belief in the Word of God.

One, a Mr. F. S. Culpepper, (there may be others), representing The Southern Publishing Company, Nashville, Tennessee, is selling a book, "The Drama of the Ages." They claim supernatural power for this book—that it will help you learn the Bible. But be careful lest you be taken unawares. It is false.

They will sell you this book and try to force you to take it in any event. Don't be taken in by their agents. If you have anything to donate, give the \$12 price of the book to your local church and tell these agents where to head in. You will be blessed of God. Otherwise you will become a laughing stock in your community.

Many have been stung. Don't let this happen to you.

HENRY C. WALKER,
Ocean Springs.

HE FINDS A NEED

Dear Dr. Goodrich:

It was my pleasure and privilege to visit the Southeast Center at Hattiesburg recently, where we are training some of our Negro ministers. The place was an inspiration; good property, and all evidences of honest, sincere and untiring effort. But there was one thing about the appearance of the Seminary property at Hattiesburg that fairly hurt. That was the lack of books. The room used for combination library and classroom was practically bare of books. There were very, very few books. This should be brought to the attention of the brethren. I am sure all efforts have been made to provide properly for Seminary facilities, but I wonder if some of our ministers might not manage to donate a few books if a list of necessary books was furnished.

W. M. AVERETT,

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CARROLL HAMILTON

Carroll Hamilton, of Miss. College and Hazlehurst, has been recommended by Rev. Dan Holcomb, Rev. Russell McIntyre and Charles

Tolbert for Youth-led Revival work in Mississippi this summer.

MISCELLANEA

One was converted and two joined a local church from Pearl River Jr. recently.

One hundred and eighty attended Miss. College's BSU banquet. Dr. Kearnie Keegan was the speaker.

Miss Kathryn Jasper, MSCW's BSU Director, taught the Methods book recently at Miss. College.

Student friend, if you are not already busy for the Lord, ask your pastor for a place to serve.

First Church, Senatobia, recently was given a two-acre plot behind the church for a Youth Recreational program. Pastor Clyde Martin is manifestly interested in young people.

Not long ago, 18 E. Central Jr. BSUs, with BSU Director Gladys Bryant in charge, visited the Baptist Bldg., Jackson. We wish more would do this.

BUCK CREEK ORDAINS DAVID HOWARD

Buck Creek Church, Perry County, on June 3 ordained David Howard to the ministry.

The presbytery was composed of the following: Rev. R. G. Clark, pastor at Good Hope, moderator; Rev. Wallace Harrell, pastor at Lakeview, Hattiesburg, clerk; and Rev. W. M. Averett, pastor at Rich- ton, questioner.

Rev. Wallace Harrell brought the charge to the church; Rev. R. G. Clark presented the Bible; Rev. W. M. Averett brought the ordination message; Rev. F. A. Turner, pastor of the Buck Creek Church, led the ordination prayer. Deacons J. D. Brinson, B. J. Palmer, W. G. Schotts, Harman Sumrall and Houston Sumrall took part in the service.

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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

June 21—State Training Union Convention, Jackson, First Church; Rev. J. F. Brantley; Scott Associational Chairman of Evangelism.

June 22—Leroy George, Tippah Associational Brotherhood president; R. A. Camp, Garaywa.

June 23—Mrs. Clifton Keyes, Covington Associational W. M. U. Superintendent; Chastain Green, Jasper Associational Sunday School superintendent.

June 24—O. O. Sword, Jeff Davis Associational Training Union Director; Gladys Bryant, BSU Director, East Central Junior.

June 25—Betty Daniel, Baptist Building; Rev. M. C. Waldrup, Riverside Associational Missionary.

June 26—Mrs. Richard King, Mississippi College faculty.

June 27—James Rogers, State BSU President; Rev. Van H. Hardin, George County Representative, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Santa Rosa, First Church Dedicates New Building

The church auditorium and two-story educational building of the First Church, Santa Rosa, will be dedicated July 11. The church was organized November 21, 1948. The auditorium was begun November 28, 1948; the educational building was started November 10, 1950.

The occasion will be observed with all day services. Former pastor Rev. John L. Gilbert will preach during the morning worship service. Rev. Olyn C. Sims, pastor at the time the church was organized, will preach the dedication. Others having part on the program include: Lamar McQueen, Walter Carbonette, and Elvie Roberson.

The Church property is valued at \$17,000 and is debt-free. The present pastor is Rev. Franklin Atkinson.

—BR—

EARL HARDING TO HEAD MISSOURI BAPTISTS

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP) — Earl Harding, 41, pastor of First Baptist Church, Joplin, Mo., has accepted the position of General Superintendent of the Missouri Baptist General Association. He will assume his duties July 1, succeeding T. W. Medearis, who is retiring June 30 after serving for twelve years in this office.

A native of Missouri, Harding has lived and served all his life here. For seventeen years he was pastor of churches in Johnson county, in which he was born. He received the B.A. and B.S. degrees from Central State College, Warrensburg, and the Th.M. and Th.D. degrees from Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City.

He served for six years as a member of the Executive Board of the Missouri Baptist General Association and for eight years as recording and statistical secretary for the board.

Sixty-Two Associations Have Chosen Stewardship Chairmen For Revival

Sixty-two associations have selected stewardship chairmen to lead in stewardship emphasis in general and in Stewardship Revival promotion in particular.

These chairmen are taking the lead in their associations in promotion of the association's part in Stewardship Revival, Oct. 31-Nov. 7 or nearest convenient date.

These plans include the enlistment of churches to participate in the Revival the appointment of full stewardship committees in the association, the enlisting of churches to appoint stewardship committees, and the conducting of a stewardship Rally sometime in September.

This is the largest number by far of stewardship chairmen in the history of the state.

In those associations that have not selected a chairman the moderator or someone else so designated will take the lead.

The complete list follows:

Alcorn—Levi Ayers, Kossuth.
Attala—G. L. Myrick, Kosciusko.
Benton—Oscar D. Bumpas, Hickory Flat.
Bolivar—Bob Crosby, Cleveland.
Calhoun—Rev. J. A. Wade, Slate Springs.
Carroll—R. A. Cooper, Carrollton.
Chickasaw—Rev. James Gooch, Woodland.
Choctaw—Rev. A. R. Smith, Mathiston.
Clarke—Rev. Jewel S. Golmon, Pachuta.
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Copiah—Rev. Benton Evans, Hazlehurst.
Covington—Rev. J. D. Boutwell, Sumrall.
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Franklin—Rev. Otis Jones, Bude.
George—Rev. U. G. Salter, Lucedale.
Greene—Rev. Wayne F. Hart, Leakesville.
Grenada—
Gulf Coast—Rev. Glen P. Dis-

mukes, Handsboro.

Hinds—Rev. Percy Cooper, Jackson.

Holmes—Marvin McLellan, Lexington.

Humphries—Rev. E. Y. Clegg, Yazoo City.

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Jasper—Rev. Artis Brewer, Stringer.

Jeff Davis—Dr. L. E. Green, Prentiss.

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Kemper—

Lafayette—Dr. James E. South-
erland, Oxford.

Lamar—
Lauderdale—Dr. Levon Moore, Meridian.

Lawrence—Rev. R. E. Jones, Monticello.

Leake—Mrs. Troy Prince, Carthage.

Lebanon—Rev. Sam Waggoner, Petal.

Lee—Rev. J. S. Johnson, Plant-
terville.

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Lowndes—Sam J. Wilder, Co-
lumbus.

Madison—Rev. John Gould, Clin-
ton.

Marion—Rev. Dan Thompson, Columbia.

Marshall—Gordon Sigman, Hol-
ly Springs.

Mississippi—H. G. Rice, Liberty.

Monroe—Rev. C. W. Thompson, Aberdeen.

Montgomery—Rev. J. M. Metts, Madden.

Neshoba—Rev. George Cazoneri, New Choctaw.

Newton—Rev. James Griffith, Union.

Noxubee—
Okfuskee—Rev. Charles Bryant, Hickory Flat.

Panola—
Pearl River—Rev. Joe H. Cuth-

en, Jr., Nicholson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Boggan, who are employed by the Home Mission Board as missionaries to the Indians in Oklahoma, will be in Mississippi July 18-30. Both will be available for speaking engagements at any church which desires to hear them. They may be contacted at Box 102, Sulphur, Oklahoma. Mr. Boggan is a native Mississippian.

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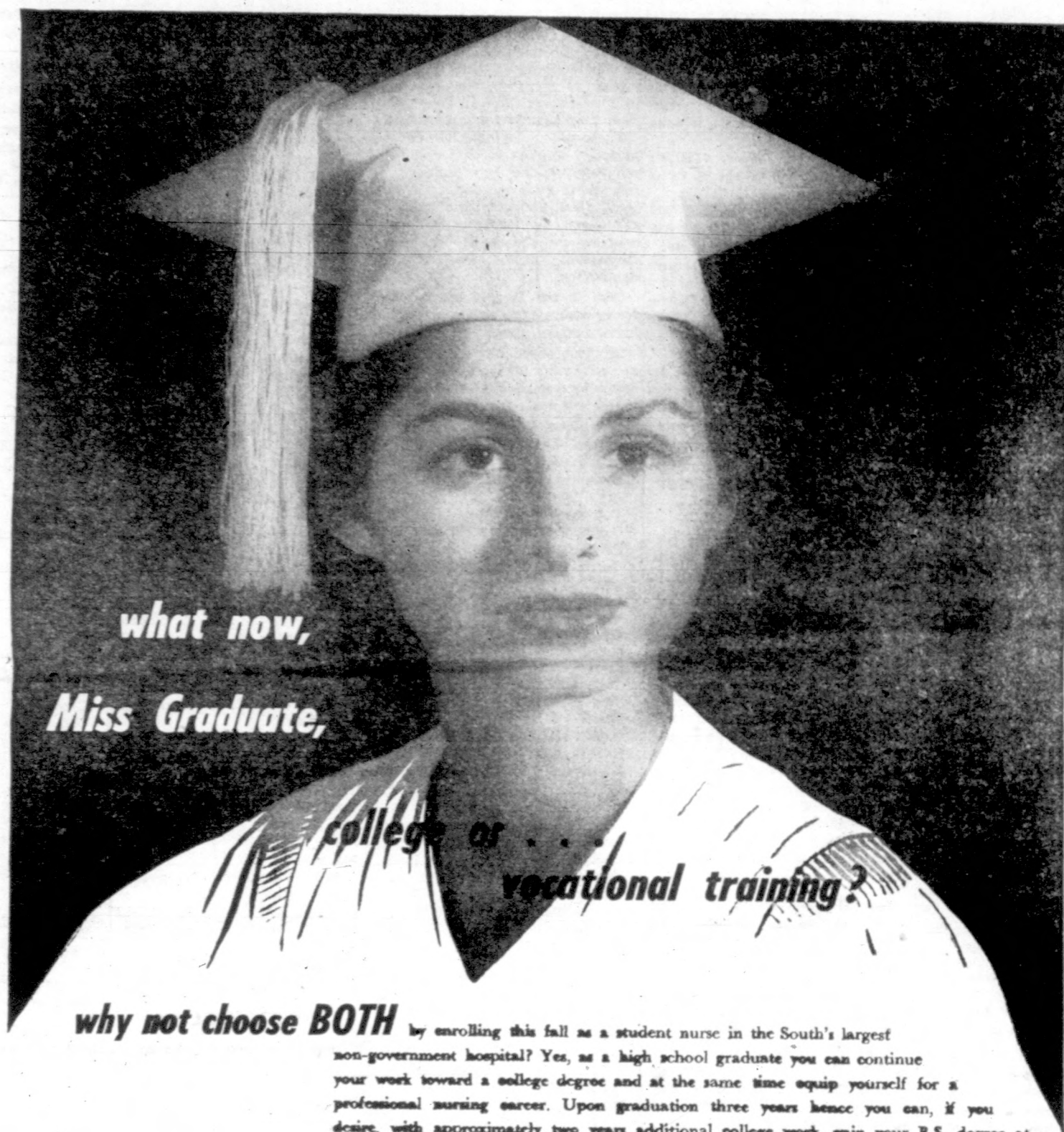
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TUPELO'S PARKWAY ADDS TWENTY-THREE

Parkway Baptist Church of Tupelo concluded its first revival services on Sunday night. There were 17 additions by baptism and 6 by letter.

Rev. Maurice Clayton, pastor of Sherman, did the preaching, and Lamoyne Sharpe, student at Miss. Southern, was song leader.

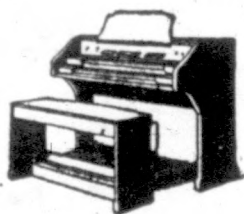
Parkway, with Rev. Allison Bell, Pastor, went full time at the first regular service July 5, 1953. Parkway, participating fully in the cooperative program and every-family-plan of the Baptist Record, has had 122 additions in the eleven months—31 of these by baptism.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORTS

School	Enrol.	Offg.
McLaurin	92	11.00
Pearl (Rankin)	130	28.00
Juniper Grove		
(Pearl River)	134	17.10
Mt. Zion (Lincoln)	91	11.07
Pontotoc First	181	37.23
Columbia First	330	39.80
Centerville	133	28.63
Zion Hill (Mississippi)	69	25.13
Community (Tippah)	26	1.80
Pine Level (Greene)	50	8.42
Vardaman	142	25.58
Springfield (Scott)	125	15.70
Pattison	45	5.13
Brandon	135	
Holly Springs	206	20.79
Good Hope (Perry)	92	8.14
Montrose	59	8.56
Oakland Heights,		
Meridian	181	40.58
Salem (Covington)	117	28.27
Issaquena Church	118	11.39
Shady Grove (Jasper)	75	18.88
Spring Hill (Copolah)	68	11.88
Ellisville First	187	26.50
Kosciusko Second	130	9.31
Newton First	247	45.18
Mt. Gilead		
(Lauderdale)	102	14.37
Forest	200	24.01
Bruce	222	54.01
Rome (Sunflower)	71	10.61
Flora	150	53.22
Galilee (Mississippi)	137	8.06
Unity (Holmes)	78	9.86
Crystal Springs, First	335	
Calvary (Lincoln)	98	

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Stewardship Rallies Suggested For Each Association During September

Each association is urged to have a county-wide Stewardship Rally sometimes during September.

This Rally would be under the direction of either the stewardship chairman or the Rally chairman of the associational stewardship committee if the association has a full committee.

The rally would be similar to those held last year and all plans

would be made for the conducting of Stewardship Revival in the churches of the associations.

Suggested programs and materials will be available soon for the Rallies.

The Stewardship chairmen should take the lead during June, July or August in getting a date set for the Rally.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

June 13, 1954

Meridian, 41st Ave.	335	93
Meridian, Poplar Springs Drive	393	139
Jackson, Broadmoor	361	150
Jackson, First	1317	450
Jackson, West	331	110
Pearl (Rankin)	181	141
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	614	259
Flowood	106	101
Paul Truitt (Rankin)	177	107
Jackson, Crestwood	631	429
Byram (Rankin)	164	122
Jackson, Calvary	1366	365
Mission	63	32
Jackson, North Side	542	175
Jackson, South Side	411	130
Richland (Rankin)	114	46
Jackson, Ridgcrest	238	100
Springfield (Scott)	112	79
North Oxford (Lafayette)	148	123
Hattiesburg, Temple	506	134
McComb, East	427	209
Laurel, Harmony	162	79
Bay St. Louis, First	180	38
New Sight (Lincoln)	146	66
Edwards	94	40
Petal-Harvey	357	
Main School	328	
Harvey	29	
Columbia, First	706	232
Main Church	628	202
South Columbia Mission	78	38
Ruth	84	79
Spanish Fort	41	39
Darling	101	45
Friendship (Jackson)	85	87
Yazoo City, Calvary	196	115
Union (Alcorn)	50	69
Canton, Center Terrace	295	116
Pelahatchie	283	84
Main School	173	
Mission	30	
Longview (Oktoberfest)	127	82
Hernando	159	73
Hattiesburg, Main St.	972	335
Laurel, First	561	139
Meridian, Highland	553	169
Laurel, West	433	116
Gulfport, First	900	264
Laurel, Wildwood	162	73
Hardy (Grenada)	114	90
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	368	98
Clarksdale	395	84
Lucedale	378	149
Bethlehem (Jones)	170	130
Brookhaven, First	717	236
Main Church	601	176
Southway	85	40
Halbert Heights	31	20
Stonewall	197	110
Clarksdale, Riverside	299	112
Gulfport, New Hope	161	50
Soso, First	164	101
Laurel, Highland	176	83
Picayune, First	548	150
Hebron (Jones)	71	59
McComb, Locust St.	80	71
Ellison Ridge (Winona)	105	74
Crystal Springs, First	601	154
Liberty (Winona)	106	113
Rulerville	248	70
Laurel, Second Ave.	285	87
West Point, Calvary	235	131
Rolling Creek (Clarke)	77	64
Wayside (Yalobusha)	56	
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	160	66
Hickory Flat	182	80
Gulfport, Calvary	53	19
Morton (Scott)	327	120
Main Church	300	
Mission	27	
Pascagoula, First	784	274
Main School	645	183
Jackson Ave. Chapel	48	24
McArthur Chapel	66	42
Orange Grove Chapel	25	25
Belen	69	40
Marks, West	63	69
Brownsville, Beulah	89	85
Cleveland, First	412	101
Mt. Pleasant (Holmes)	37	29
Holly Bluff	119	62
Grenada, Emmanuel	274	85
Main Church	246	85
Futheyville Chapel	28	
New Albany, First	580	158
Mission	68	
Biloxi, Trinity	178	78
Crowder	182	84
Greenwood, Calvary	438	173
Grenada, First	584	127
Tupelo, Harrisburg	542	228
Philadelphia, First	389	104
Corinth, East	147	93
Wheeler Grove (Alcorn)	154	145
Concorn (Choctaw)	91	108
Abbeville (Lafayette)	79	35
Long Beach, First	218	78
Main Church	180	
29th St. Mission	38	
McComb, Friendship	200	84
Vicksburg, First	576	159
Olive Branch	133	80
Calhoun City, First	360	136
Columbus, East End	239	106
Aberdeen, First	369	106
Shiloh (Marion)	65	65
Newton, First	461	164
Kosciusko, First	712	259

June 6, 1954

Friendship (Jackson)	94	78
Wheeler Grove (Alcorn)	166	146
Jicayune, First	592	150
Picayune, Roseland Park	157	70
Ruth	81	66
Pelahatchie	171	86
Mission	34	
Nola	69	54
Corinth, East	156	111
Olive Branch	133	86
Crystal Springs, First	671	207
Gulfport, New Hope	142	48

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Rev. Marlow A. Stroup, for the past two years pastor of the Poplar Springs Church (Calhoun County) has resigned and accepted a call to the Fairview Church, Fairview, North Carolina (near Asheville). He began his work May 6. While he was pastor of the Poplar Springs Church there were 36 additions. The church grounds and the parsonage were improved. An increase was made in the mission gifts and the pastor's salary, with other phases of the church work greatly improved.

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Mrs. Loren Williams is an outstanding pianist and will teach elementary class piano and will work jointly with Dr. Loren Williams in presenting the Graded Choir Laboratory period.

Get your registrations in now to insure you a room in the dormitory. Registrations will be received from thirteen years of age up. Registration blanks are available upon request from the Music Department or a two cent post card will serve for your registration.

REGISTRATIONS FOR LEADERSHIP SCHOOL COMING IN

The Mississippi Baptist Music Leadership School will be held at Mississippi College August 2 - 6. The music office has received a number of registrations up-to-date.

Registration blanks will be mailed upon request. Since we are expecting the largest enrollment we have ever had, it will be advisable to get your registration in as early as possible.

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Report Mob Stones Protestant Chapel

BOGOTA, Colombia — (RNS)—

A mob led by two Roman Catholic priests and two nuns stoned worshippers in a Protestant chapel at Buenaventura, the Evangelical Confederation of Colombia charged here.

The Confederation report said missionary Oscar Jacobson of St. Paul, Minn., who was leading an evening worship service, was struck on the forehead by a stone.

The chapel's neon sign was broken and one priest urged the attackers to tear it down completely, the Protestant report said.

According to the Confederation, the attack lasted an hour and a half. It began when one man from the crowd outside the chapel entered the building and smashed a bench.

Other demonstrators entered and began throwing stones and pieces of the broken bench, the report said. It asserted that, despite Mr. Jacobson's pleading, the priests urged the mob on to its destruction.

Soldiers arrived after an hour, but the priests and their followers refused to disperse, the Confederation said. The soldiers ordered the chapel's door closed, but Mr. Jacobson refused to comply.

The Protestant organization said that the missionary also refused to close the chapel and take down the sign the following day on the verbal order of Buenaventura's mayor. It said Mr. Jacobson demanded a written order which the mayor refused to give.

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Alternate Plans Suggested For Stewardship Week

Alternate plans are suggested this year for those churches planning to observe Stewardship Revival—1954, Oct. 31-Nov. 7, or nearest convenient date.

The two Plans are Plan A and Plan B.

Plan A is the same Plan as used last Fall—A School of Stewardship—and is recommended for those churches that did not participate last fall.

The series of stewardship books are used according to the study course plans of Sunday School and Training Union. The books are: Adult, FOUND FAITHFUL, Moore; Young people, GOOD STEWARDS, Dillard; Intermediate, PARTNERS WITH GOD, Terry; Junior, THE TALKING PENNY, Van Ness; and Primary, BONNY BAPTIST AND THE SUNBEAMS, Milne. Where conditions are met using these books, Sunday School or Training Union credit is available. Order books early from your Baptist Book Store to avoid disappointment.

Plan B (Study, Sermon and Visitation)—This is recommended for churches which have already used the series of stewardship books. It is suggested that in this plan four things be done: (1) Preach stewardship in five sermons, Sunday through Wednesday, (2) Study "What the Bible Teaches about Stewardship," using Bibles and Scripture references, for three nights, (3) Visit in Tithers enlistment Visitation two nights, and (4) Use church organizations to promote attendance.

A recommended schedule for Plan B—(1) Sunday—Stewardship sermons in morning and evening services, stewardship lesson in the Sunday School and Training Union (as in the quarterlies on October 31); (2) Monday night—Bible study 45 minutes, followed by sermon, with attendance promoted by Brotherhood and men of the church; (3) Tuesday night—Bible study, 45 minutes, followed by sermon, with attendance promoted by Training Union and young people, a playlet

by young people may also be presented: (4) Wednesday night—Stewardship banquet (where convenient), Bible Study, and sermon; attendance promoted by W.M.U.; (5) Thursday night—Tithers Enlistment Visitation, or visitation for high attendance on Sunday; (6) Friday night—visitation as on Thursday and (7) Sunday—Victory Day, "Oversubscribe the increased budget in one day."

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Man Of Distinction

"Fayetteville, N. C.—A 36-year-old Fayetteville Negro was killed last night when he was struck by an automobile as he went to assist a drunken man.

City police said Sam Floyd was fatally injured about 8:30 o'clock last night.

City police said Floyd had been riding in the front seat of a taxi. An unidentified Negro passenger, who was under the influence of liquor, was in the back seat. The passenger signaled the cab driver to stop and Floyd got out and went to the rear door of the cab to help the unidentified man.

He had opened the rear door of the cab when another vehicle hit the taxi. Floyd was carried some 30 feet by the passing vehicle and he was pronounced dead on arrival at a local hospital.

Police said the death car traveled 234 feet after striking the cab and skidmarks on the pavement measured 60 feet from the point of impact. They said Ethridge (the death car driver) was intoxicated and quoted him as admitting he had drunk five bottles of beer.

This would be a nice addition to some of the ads the liquor crowds are publishing in which they emphasize the idea that "beer belongs."

—BR—

E. J. Nye, in his provocative book, *The Secret Power of Life*, presents his theory concerning atomic power and the power of God. It is the author's contention that each individual part of every atom was originally a unit of the spiritual power of God. When these units were joined in atoms, they became physical matters, yet retained the power and intelligence of God to carry on His work throughout the universe. This theory is diametrically opposed to that of evolution. To illustrate the strength of this theory, Mr. Nye chooses numerous examples of life in different strata, from the amoeba to man, to show, in fascinating, absorbing detail, the miracle of life's metamorphoses. These vivid passages will open the eyes of the reader to the marvelous beauty and interest of living things. This is a book that compels thought. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from Vantage Press, Inc., New

Move Membership Week Set For Sept. 12-19

BY C. E. WILBANKS

Director of Evangelism

Southern Baptists are experiencing growth in one direction which hurts. That is, the ever increasing number of church members who move away and don't move their memberships. It is like one part of every community, village, town and city that is growing to the sorrow of the citizens—that is the cemetery. Ever increasing, but dead.

That's the net resultant of non-resident members, "ever-increasing, but dead."

Dr. Courts Redford told the state leaders of evangelism in their conference in St. Louis that the number of non-resident members now stands at 2,400,000! What tragedy!

The Southern Baptist Convention has addressed itself to this problem again by suggesting the observance of "Transfer Church Membership Week," September 12-19. Much is to be done before September if we are to enlist this great multitude who have moved away from "home."

In June, search the church rolls, and determine the addresses of those who have moved away. Exhaust every idea and means of finding them.

In July, write them a letter of love and concern. Enclose a card for them to return to you, giving the information you desire.

In August, follow through with two letters. One, telling them of "Transfer Church Membership Week." And send another letter of information to the churches or pastors near them, whose addresses they furnished you on the returned cards.

In September, visit all unaffiliated Baptists you thus hear about, or in all other ways you can locate near you. Urge them to join your churches, and offer to send for letters of dismission.

September 12-19, give invitations to Baptists in all services. Visit and present the appeal of your life for Christ's sake, and in the light of the last paragraph of the church covenant, along with these Scriptures: Romans 14:1; Hebrews 10:23-25.

—BR—

DENVER... (RNS)... A regional association of Southern Baptist Convention churches in Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and the Dakotas was formed at a meeting here. Four hundred delegates from 55 churches in the five states attended the meeting. Two years ago there were only 10 Southern Baptist churches in the five-state area. Dr. Garland Howard, pastor of First Baptist Church, Casper, Wyo., was elected president of the new association. Others elected were Dr. Paul N. Jolly, pastor of First Church, Grand Junction, Colo., vice-president; Dr. S. W. Driggers, pastor of Brentwood Church, Denver, clerk; Brown Hudson, Colorado Springs, Colo., Sunday school superintendent; Richard Peacock, Glendive, Mont., Training Union director; Rev. Roy Sutton, pastor of South Denver Church, brotherhood president, and Mrs. L. A. Watson, Denver, Women's Missionary Union president.

SAMPLE COMMITMENT CARD

CHURCH COMMITMENT CARD FOR CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP WEEK Oct. 31-Nov. 7

Dear Sir:

Our church or churches will observe Christian Stewardship Week, Oct. 31-Nov. 7, or nearest convenient date.

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MERIDIAN CHURCHES TO ENGAGE IN TENT REVIVAL CAMPAIGN



EDDIE MARTIN

Meridian Baptist Churches are uniting forces for the largest evangelistic effort ever undertaken in that city. The campaign will be

housed in a large tent seating over 3,000 under the canvas, with accommodations for 2,000 more people on the outside of the tent.

Evangelist Eddie Martin, will lead the crusade Aug. 8-29.

Mr. Martin has just completed a similar effort in Paris, Texas. Crowds upwards of 7000 attended the meetings there. Paris is a city of only 22,000 people. Eighty percent of the 384 unchurched converts joined the cooperating churches BEFORE the campaign closed in Paris. Eddie Martin is considered to be one of the strongest church-centered evangelists in America today.

Preparations are being made in Meridian to move the crusade to the football stadium for the last two Sunday nights. All services in the local churches will be dismissed Sunday nights for the four Sundays of the evangelistic meetings.

REV. ALBERT P. WELLS

Rev. Albert P. Wells, 70, retired Baptist minister, died recently in Jackson, his home for the past six years.

A graduate of Clarke, he was a musical instructor and singer before entering the ministry.

Mr. Wells served as pastor of a number of churches in Alabama and Mississippi; the last church he served before retiring was Gun Grove (Pike).

The survivors are: his wife, Mrs. Addie Kennedy, Jackson; seven sons: O. A., O. J., and V. M. Wells, Jackson, Rev. Zeno Wells, Baton Rouge, U. S. Wells, Shubuta, La. Herman Douglas Wells, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Glen Wells, Heidelberg; four daughters: Mrs. M. H. Pope, Jackson, Mrs. Alton Gatewood, Columbia; Mrs. Ernest Albritton, Mobile, Alabama, and Mrs. Charles Weatherford, Baton Rouge; two brothers: Rev. Clifton Wells, Oak Grove, La., and Chester Wells, New Orleans; two sisters: Mrs. Willie Mott, Newton, and Mrs. Effie Craft, Mendonhall; 30 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Van Winkle Church with Rev. Herman Milner officiating.

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According to Mr. W. A. Harrell, Secretary of the Department of Church Architecture of the Sunday School Board, the Department is now offering free a booklet, "A Suggested Plan for Church Building Fund Raising and Related Matters," by Dr. Frank Tripp.

Raymond Kosanke, son of Carl

Kosanke, the Educational Director of Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, is available for leading the music in revivals this summer. He has just completed his second year as a student of music in Oklahoma Baptist University and has dedicated his life to the field of church music. He can be reached in care of Calvary Baptist Church.

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Training Union Convention Program Features Outstanding Personalities June 21, First Church, Jackson

Theme: "Built On The Book"
CONVENTION PROGRAM
MORNING SESSION: 9:30 A. M.

- 9:30—Organ Meditation Miss Hazel Chisholm
- 9:45—Devotional: "Our Salvation Built On The Book" Mr. R. Othal Feather
- 9:55—Welcome Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins
- 10:05—Announcements and Appointment of Committees
- 10:10—The Baptist Book Store Mrs. O. M. Jones
- 10:15—Recognition of Associational Work
- 10:25—Special Music
- 10:30—Message: "Our Churches Built on the Book" Ralph W. Davis
- 10:55—Convention Meets by Regions
- Northern Region (Districts 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)
Convenor: Mrs. Ernest Barton
Leader: Intermediate Sword Drill Miss Jo Anna Crouch
Leader: Young Peoples Speakers' Tournament Miss Dorothy Strong
- Central Region (Districts 1, 2, 8, 9, 10)
Convenor: Mrs. Matt Duck
Leader: Intermediate Sword Drill Miss Margaret Burton
Leader: Young Peoples Speakers' Tournament Miss Ethel McKeithen
- Southern Region (Districts 11, 12, 13S, 13N, 14, 15)
Convenor: Mrs. C. C. Rogers
Leader: Intermediate Sword Drill Mr. Pat Clendinning
Leader: Young Peoples Speakers' Tournament Rev. O. B. Robertson

AFTERNOON SESSION: 2:15 P. M.

- 2:15—Convention Meets by Departments
- 3:40—Reassemble
- 3:45—Congregational Singing
- 4:00—Devotional: "Our Loyalties Built on the Book" Mr. R. Othal Feather
- 4:10—Intermediate Sword Drill Miss Neta Stewart
- 4:35—Reports of Committees
- 4:40—Hymn and Special Music
- 4:45—Message: "Our Principles of Government Built on the Book" Lt. Governor Carroll Gartin

EVENING SESSION: 6:45 P. M.

- 6:45—Organ Meditation Miss Hazel Chisholm
- 7:00—Congregational Singing
- 7:15—Devotional: "Our Decisions Built on the Book" Mr. R. Othal Feather
- 7:25—Young Peoples Speakers' Tournament Miss Louise Hill
- 8:05—Message: "Our Future Built on the Book" Mr. Kermit S. King
- 8:15—Hymn and Special Music
- 8:20—Message: "Our Lives Built on the Book" Dr. Robert E. Naylor

YOUTH WEEK REPORTS

Attala Association—
Williamsville Church—Howard Scarborough reports, "The Adults were surprised that the Young People could do so well. Many wanted to have Youth Week quarterly instead of yearly."
Calhoun Association—
Bruce Church—In reporting Youth Week, W. B. Middleton says, "... one of our most profitable activities."
Lawrence Association—
Enon Church—Mrs. Freeman Alford says, "The Youth of our church were lifted up for the Lord."

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Rev. G. T. Turner, pastor of Pilgrim's Rest in Panola County, who received his Master's Degree at Mississippi College at the recent Commencement Exercises, has moved on the field with his family.

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Sparks & Splinters

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Mrs. Eloce Spence, Foxworth; Bonita Spence, Foxworth; Mrs. Effie Herring, Foxworth; Grant Stringer, Foxworth; Willo Dean Stringer, Foxworth; Nanette Hall, Foxworth; Brenda Herring, Foxworth; Rev. and Mrs. Thomas M. Hall, Foxworth; Eleanor Porter, Benson, North Carolina; Rev. Elton Barlow, Derma; Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Talbert, Brookhaven; Rev. C. E. James, Brighton, Alabama; Rev. J. A. Holloway, Yokena; Carl Kosamke, Jackson.

So far as is known, Fountain Memorial Church in Washington, D. C. is the first church to give birth to twins, spiritually speaking. On Sunday, May 30, two new churches were constituted from the mother church. The church also sponsors another mission in nearby Forestville, Maryland. The pastor of the Fountain Memorial Church is Rev. Walter A. Mitchell.

Mississippi is again honored by having the September 26 BTU program, which is carried in the July-August-September issue of the Young People's Union Quarterly, written by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive-Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

ATHENS. (RNS). An appeals court at Patras has agreed to review an unusually severe jail sentence and fine imposed by a lower tribunal upon a Greek Evangelical Church lay worker for selling religious tracts.

The defendant, Constantine Geyanakis, 60, was sentenced to 40 days in jail and fined 2,000 silver drachmas (about \$400) by a court at Admalias. During the trial an Orthodox theologian testified that the tracts contained statements contrary to the doctrines of the Orthodox Church in Greece.

The many friends of Rev. Charley L. Sandifer, who formerly held pastorates in Mississippi, and is now on leave to Buras-Triumph Church, Triumph, Louisiana, will be interested to know that he is spending the summer at Ole Miss taking work to complete the M.A. degree. During his 30-month pastorate a modern pastorium has been erected, an electric organ purchased, gifts to all missions greatly increased, and more than a hundred additions received into the church.

During our first years in Brazil, we traveled up and down the state of Piaui trying to heed the calls that came to us, but were never able to do so. Everywhere we went we found an open-minded, lovable, hospitable people—a whole state wide open to the gospel message. I recall one man who wrote again and again requesting us to visit his village. Finally the invitation ceased to come, and so far as I know that man and the people of that village have never heard the saving message of Jesus Christ. Will the blood of those who called and did not receive the message of light and love be upon the heads of your lone missionaries? I think not, but I wonder if we as Southern Baptists will not have to answer for all such lost opportunities. — Lulu (Mrs. A. J.) Terry, missionary to North Brazil for 32 years.

Thousands of Hindus, the majority of whom are in India, do not know the true God, and do not know about or do not believe in our Holy Bible. Their scripture is the BHAGAVAD-GITA which is part poem and part prose. It has been translated into English by Christopher Isherwood and Swami Prabhavananda. It is published by the New American Library of World Literature, Inc., 501 Madison Avenue, New York 22, New York, and may be ordered from them or from the Baptist Book Store for \$3.50. It presents a philosophy that may in some respects be good, but it can in no way be compared with the true religion which presents Jesus Christ as Saviour of all those who come to Him.

THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST HANDBOOK, edited by J. P. Edmunds of the Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information of the Baptist Sunday School Board, is now off the press. It seems to be full of good information. Some of its features are: complete and detailed reports of last year's achievements; complete directory of all Southern Baptist agencies; charts and drafts illustrating progress of Southern Baptists; a special feature showing the individual progress of approximately 2,000 churches. The price is \$1 and orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store.

A recent graduate of William Carey College, with a major in Business Education and a minor in Education, is interested in obtaining a position as church secretary or as church secretary and educational director combined. Anyone interested in such a person should write the Editor of the Baptist Record for the name and address of the interested party.

Dr. and Mrs. Jesse D. Franks, Ruschlikon, Zurich, Switzerland, have returned to the United States. They will take up residence at Wake Forest, North Carolina. Dr. Franks, who served for many years as pastor of the First Church, Columbus, rendered distinguished service to the International Seminary and to the European Baptist Fellowship at large.

The annual series of revival will begin at Coffeetown Church, Sunday morning, June 20. Rev. Clifton Perry Perkins, pastor of First Church, West Point, will be the guest evangelist. Robert Cooper, Aberdeen, will direct the singing. Rev. G. B. Basden is the pastor.



Shown at left is Joe Robert Aultman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Aultman, formerly of Collins, but now living in New Boston, Texas, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Aultman of Collins, Route 2. Recently he was awarded a six year pin for Sunday School attendance from the First Baptist Church of New Boston, Texas.

MADRID—Protestant officials reporter here that local authorities at Elche, Alicante Province, halted a Baptist meeting in a private home there and ordered the group not to meet again. According to the officials here, the Elche Baptist community had been conducting private meetings since the end of the Spanish Civil War in 1939.

Rev. Curtis Askew has been asked by the Japanese Baptist Convention to take Dr. Edwin Dozier's place in Tokyo while the Doziers are in the United States next year on furlough. The position is liaison man between the Japanese Government and the Baptists and between the Japanese and the missionaries. Mr. Askew was formerly pastor of the Linn Church in Sunflower County.

Dr. H. C. Bass, Meridian, who has served as interim pastor of Poplar Springs Drive Church, Meridian, since Dr. David Byrd resigned eight months ago, writes to express his appreciation of the privilege of serving and leading this church. He states that finances, the different departments of the church, all began to improve, and the attendance on the services increased.

NEW YORK, N. Y. (BP) The goal of a five-year program adopted in 1948 to double the distribution of Scriptures in American homes was met and exceeded by 40 per cent as the total reached an all-time record high, it was reached at the annual meeting of the American Bible Society in May.

Domestic distribution in eighty-one languages rose to 9,726,391 volumes during 1953, an increase of 22 per cent over the previous year, and compared with only 4,047,915 in 1948. Of the total number of volumes 509,298 were whole Bibles; 815,732 Testaments; and 8,401,361 portions of the Bible.

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LET'S FINISH THE RACE E. W. WESTMORELAND

It was a beautiful morning in May. The Kentucky blue grass stood straight and tall. A light rain had fallen the night before and it was a perfect day to visit the horse farms around Lexington, Kentucky.

At one of the farms, my friend and I saw a beautiful bronze statue of a magnificent horse. The statue stood upon a huge concrete base, surrounded by a water canal. As we stood and gazed at the statue, a Negro boy, doubtless one of the attendants who worked with the horses, came by and paused to look at the statue.

Seeing the admiration mirrored upon his face, I remarked, "This is the statue of a great horse, isn't it?" Without hesitation he replied, "Boss, you are looking at the life-size statue of the best race horse that ever ran on any track. His name was 'Man of War.' A lot of horses could lead him around the first turn, and a few horses led him in the back stretch. Occasionally a horse led him in the far turn, but no horse ever led him in the home stretch."

Recently I read a story about another great finisher. Wes Santee ran the mile in 4:03.1. This same runner set the American record for the one mile race at 4:02.4 at Compton, California last June. Santee has run a mile twenty-one times in less than 4:10. The amazing thing about his running is that in a four-lap race he runs the last quarter of a mile in less time than he runs the first quarter. The other day at Lawrence, Kansas, Santee ran the fourth lap, or the last quarter mile, in 59.5 seconds.

Any ordinary runner can start well, but being in the lead around the first turn or at the finish of the first lap never wins the race. It is the finish that counts.

In our campaign for "A Million More in '54," most of our churches started well. During the first lap—October, November, December—they were feeling a sense of victory because of a good start. During the second lap—January, February, March—they were still going strong. Sunday schools everywhere were growing. The first month in the third lap—April, May, June—has passed and has in all probability been the best Sunday School month. Southern Baptists have ever enjoyed in all their history. Shouts of victory are heard from every section of our Conven-

tion territory. The finish line is almost in sight.

But the last lap must still be run. July, August, and September will be the hardest of all. The very weak will fall by the wayside and not finish at all. Many others will slow down and come to a very slow finish, but the churches that have faith, determination, and stamina will put on a very special burst of speed and come to the finish line well ahead of their Sunday School goals for the year 1954.

ANOTHER SOUTHWIDE CLINIC NEW ORLEANS, JANUARY 8-21

The two weeks of January 8-21, 1955, is the time for the next Southwide Sunday school clinic, and it will be in New Orleans.

The Baptist churches of New Orleans have agreed to furnish bed and three meals a day for the two weeks for each clinician, up to 400, so the only expense for each clinician will be a registration fee of \$15 and transportation.

Since the number of clinicians will be limited to 400 from the entire South, it is urgent that applications be sent in as soon as possible. We have blanks for this purpose and they will be gladly sent on request.

The registration fee will be paid upon arrival at New Orleans.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Reports keep coming of churches that have gone over the top in their share of the "Million More in '54." Here are some of the latest:

Biloxi, First:

A gain of 255 met in the enrollment of the Sunday School since last October 1, or 30 per cent. Dr. G. C. Hodge is the pastor, H. B. Duckworth is the superintendent, and R. L. Cline the director of education.

Ridgecrest, Jackson:

This church was one year old on May 2, and on that day there were 459 enrolled in the Sunday school, and 332 present. Rev. Fred Tarpoley is the pastor and H. L. Hutcherson the superintendent.

100 PER CENT EARLY THIS YEAR

Early in May the last association in the state reported Sunday School training awards, thus making us 100 per cent for another year, but earlier than ever.

This is no more than it should be, for every association, and even every church, should have some training each year in order to produce better results.

Jesus did not hesitate to train his disciples because he knew so well that a trained worker was a more useful one than an untrained one.

We are very grateful to every one who has had a part in making our state 100 per cent in associations reporting on this phase of work this year. It is so important. It is so vital to the business of building bigger and better schools for the teaching and study of the Bible Sunday by Sunday.

We may know and not do, but we cannot do if we don't know.

100 Churches Leading In Cooperative Program Contributions Nov 1-Apr. 30

1—Jackson, First	\$24,166.68	85—Eupora, First	1,581.33
2—Jackson, Calvary	18,000.00	86—Clarksdale Church	1,592.72
3—Gulfport, First	16,997.61	87—Lumberton	1,576.35
4—Columbus, First	16,458.11	88—Laurel, Highland	1,571.37
5—Brookhaven, First	12,405.46	89—Petal-Harvey	1,560.00
6—Meridian, First	12,000.00	90—Mendenhall	1,520.82
7—Grenada, First	11,816.97	91—Oxford, First	1,500.00
8—Meridian, 15th Ave.	10,688.52	—Jackson, Griffith	
9—McComb, First	9,429.40	Memorial	1,500.00
10—Tupelo, Calvary	9,322.68	92—Moss Point, West	1,491.95
11—Picayune, First	8,651.31	93—Jackson, West	1,471.33
12—Crystal Springs, First	8,280.53	94—Okolona	1,456.59
13—Vicksburg, First	7,135.48	95—Corinth, West	1,454.29
14—Yazoo City, First	6,902.11	96—Coldwater	1,453.44
15—Canton, First	6,830.77	97—Morton	1,450.00
16—Pascagoula, First	6,829.05	98—Lexington	1,417.62
17—Hattiesburg, First	6,616.38	99—Summit	1,400.00
18—Jackson, Daniel Mem.	6,000.00	100—Friendship (Pike)	1,397.49
19—New Albany, First	5,947.57	—BR—	
20—Greenwood, First	5,881.01		
21—Jackson, Parkway	5,750.00		
22—Laurel, First	5,662.76		
23—Philadelphia, First	5,642.95		
24—Hazlehurst, First	5,586.00		
25—Kosciusko, First	5,400.00		
26—Biloxi, First	5,339.31		
27—Columbia, First	5,301.45		
28—Hattiesburg, Main St.	5,001.50		
29—Clinton	4,749.94		
30—Tupelo, Harrisburg	4,708.72		
31—McComb, East	4,678.85		
32—Leland, First	4,477.63		
33—Quitman, First	4,248.00		
34—Cleveland, First	4,030.72		
35—Jackson, Alta Woods	4,000.63		
36—Greenville, First	4,000.00		
37—Pontotoc, First	3,899.69		
38—Belzoni, First	3,718.65		
39—Durant, First	3,520.32		
40—Calhoun City, First	3,520.00		
41—Meridian, Poplar			
Springs Drive	3,438.18		
42—Corinth, First	3,361.50		
43—Carthage	3,342.58		
44—Hattiesburg, Temple	3,200.00		
45—Meridian, Southside	3,185.94		
46—Meridian, 41st Ave.	3,151.02		
47—Moss Point, First	2,900.00		
48—Aberdeen, First	2,863.74		
49—West Point, First	2,669.21		
50—Drew	2,630.07		
51—Jackson, Northside	2,614.58		
52—Monticello	2,517.78		
53—Wiggins	2,445.33		
54—Indianola, First	2,435.14		
55—Jackson, Crestwood	2,411.63		
56—Jackson, Van Winkle	2,400.00		
57—Laurel, West	2,333.41		
58—Lucedale, First	2,275.02		
59—Magee	2,275.00		
60—Mt. Olive	2,200.00		
61—Charleston, First	2,191.44		
62—Natchez, First	2,165.00		
63—Winona, First	2,145.47		
64—Holly Springs, First	2,117.54		
65—Tupelo, First	2,113.99		
66—Liberty	2,105.00		
67—Itta Bena, First	2,103.98		
68—Batesville, First	2,099.33		
69—Newton	2,027.98		
70—Meridian, Highland	2,008.69		
71—McComb, Central	1,960.21		
72—Water Valley, First	1,956.00		
73—Forest	1,912.62		
74—Clarksdale, Oakhurst	1,907.72		
75—Sardis	1,900.00		
76—Ruleville, First	1,875.00		
77—Bunker Hill (Marion)	1,849.94		
78—Laurel, Second Ave.	1,804.78		
79—Marks	1,800.00		
80—Greenwood, Calvary	1,769.75		
81—Canton, Center Terrace	1,705.22		
82—McComb, South	1,700.00		
83—Amory	1,698.92		
84—Blue Mountain, Lowrey			
Memorial	1,656.04		
85—Booneville, First	1,650.00		

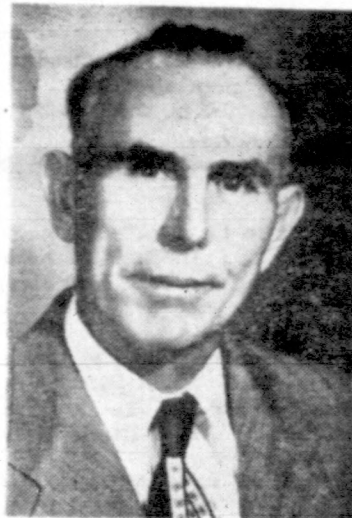
Gives Personal Tithing Testimony

BY H. G. RICE

Liberty, Miss.

Stewardship Chairman of Mississippi Association

When I was in the Young People's Training Union, I was given the part of prosecuting attorney in a playlet that was given in a number of churches in our association. The name of the playlet was "The Trial of the Robbers," and it was based on Malachi 3:7-11. Acting in this play taught me the deeper



H. G. RICE

spiritual meaning of stewardship. I resolved then that I would begin giving God his tithe.

I started to giving a tithe of my entire check that I received as a rural letter carrier. I did not deduct anything for car expenses. I began also to give a tithe of all the products I sold from my farm. Later my wife said that she was not satisfied with my giving my tithe; so she began to give a tithe of the monthly allowance I gave to her.

We have been able with our nine-tenths to live and educate our four children. We have had one daughter to finish at Blue Mountain College and one to finish a course in nursing at the Baptist hospital in Jackson. Our two sons have graduated from Mississippi State College. We do not owe anything on these educational bills, and we want to give God the credit. He gave us good health and good managing ability; and blessed us with bountiful harvests during those, the most trying years of our lives.

We shall ever be faithful to the church with our time, our talents,

Robinson St., Jackson Opens New Chapel; Begins Revival Meeting



REV. RUSSELL M. MCINTIRE

On June 20 the Robinson Street Church, Jackson, will move into their new chapel, the first unit to be completed in their building program.

Rev. Russell M. McIntire, pastor at Clinton, will be the evangelist in the revival, which begins there the same day, and continues through June 27. Guest singers will be Alvon Doty and Jan Burnett. Mrs. Vera Whitfield will be the organist and Mrs. Thomas Touchstone the pianist.

Rev. Leonard Holloway is the pastor.

our possessions, and ourselves. We challenge people everywhere to try God and see if he won't pour them out a blessing that they shall not be able to contain.

Editor's Note: Mr. Rice is a layman and rural mail carrier and gave the above fine testimony upon request.

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GLORIETA WMU WEEK—July 8-14

We have only one space available on the bus and if there is sufficient demand for a second bus we will be happy to arrange for it—however it will be necessary for us to know IMMEDIATELY if you desire to go. After June 15th we will be unable to make plans for the second bus.

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Gretna—The secretary of the church has sent to the Baptist Record a splendid article written by Patsy Taylor a 10 year old member of Girls' Auxiliary. Patsy sets forth in a very fine way what Girls' Auxiliary means to her, her hopes for the future and her genuine appreciation for her counselor.

HEARTS THE LORD OPENED

Many letters have been received about the study of the book and the blessings in it. From the reports there have been many varied and unusual ways in which the study has been presented. If you do not have a copy of the teaching plans, write the WMU OFFICE and we will be happy to send a copy. The books are purchased from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, 85 cents plus tax.

WMS CAMP GARAYWA August 24-26

Make your plans now to attend! Those who come for the entire period receive the greatest blessings! However, if you find that you can't come from the entire period, make your plans to be there for the FULL DAY'S program on one of the dates. There will be missionary speakers from Chile, Nigeria, and Europe. There will be 14 simultaneous conferences for officers—make your plans to attend.

JUNIOR BOYS CAMPS

There will be two more weeks of Junior boys camps—June 21-26 and June 28-July 3

Reservations must be sent to the WMU OFFICE, Jackson, Miss.

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS

The two weeks of camps for Intermediate GA's are scheduled for July 12-17 and July 19-24. The week end between these two camps bring an unusual opportunity for the girls of our state who have attained the step of QUEEN or above—QUEEN'S COURT—only Queens, with Scepter or Queen Regents can attend. This is the first one to be held in Mississippi.

JUNIOR GIRLS

There will be two more periods of camps for Junior Girls' Auxiliary members—it will be necessary for you to get your reservations in early as these two periods are already filling up fast. The dates are July 26-31 and August 2-7.

NEGRO CAMPS AND INSTITUTE

(All to be held at Southern Christian Institute, Edwards)
Negro Woman's Institute—August 2-6 Cost, \$7.25.
Negro Girls' (ages 9-17)—August

9-13, Cost, \$5.50.

Negro Boys' (ages 9-17)—July 26-30, Cost, \$5.50.

We will need to have a registration fee of \$1.00 (part of the total cost) in the WMU Office, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. for each person planning to attend. This will give opportunity for some definite Community Missions work.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, GREENVILLE. Mrs. Mahan the Stewardship Chairman writes of the splendid growth in their WMU—“At the beginning of the year we had one circle, we now have four circles, including a Business Woman's Circle. Our WMS enrollment is now 57, with two thirds being tithers. We also have a YWA, Intermediate and Junior GA.”

ADDITIONS: The Home Mission Week of Prayer offering list should include New Prospect, DeSoto Association—\$17.19 and Juniper Grove, Pearl River Ass'n. \$18.00. Fellowship, Wayne Association \$16.35.

Cranford Accepts Call To Morrison Chapel

Rev. Jack Cranford, pastor of Center Ridge Church in Yazoo County, has been called by Morrison Chapel in Bolivar County. He succeeds Rev. J. W. Oliver.

Mr. Cranford expects to assume his new duties July 1. He comes from a family of preachers. His father was a preacher and his two brothers are preachers, one in Atlanta, Georgia and the other at First Church, Santon.

Stewardship Revival Is Convention-Wide Move

Stewardship Revival-1954 scheduled for Oct. 31-Nov. 7 or nearest convenient date, is not only a Mississippi Baptist event but is a gigantic Southern Baptist Convention project.

Thousands of churches throughout the length and breadth of the 23-state territory of the Convention will be engaging in this tremendous simultaneous stewardship effort.

This is the second year that stewardship has received convention-wide emphasis and the emphasis will continue annually with convention approval and a different type program each year.

Therefore churches that participate will realize that they are co-operating in a great effort to advance the Kingdom on the stewardship front.

Watch For Aug.-Sept. Issue Of Baptist Program; Special Stewardship Issue

Every pastor, educational director and superintendent of missions is alerted to be on the watchout for the Aug.-Sept. issue of the Baptist Program, which will be a special stewardship issue.

It will contain information, helps and materials to be used in connection with Stewardship Week—Oct. 31-Nov. 7.

A limited number of stewardship handbooks, carrying essentially the same information will be available but those receiving the Program are urged to “hang on” to their copy for future reference.

Two Mississippians are listed among those asked to contribute to the issue.

The complete list of articles to be carried is as follows:

We Have This Treasure—Norris Palmer.

Giving God's Way—Chester L. Quarles.

The Church Budget: A Spiritual Plan—Herschel Hobbs.

Faithful in Our Partnership—Porter Routh.

Let Everyone of You—Merrill D. Moore.

Titling is an Act of Worship—C. C. Warren.

Churches Are Stewards, Too!—Woodrow Fuller.

Giving In—Louie Latimer Owens.

Book Reviews.

Suggested Calendar of Activities—W. E. Grindstaff.

Teach Tithers to Win Tithers—Merrill D. Moore.

Tithing Testimonies.

Stewardship Revivals, 1954, Plan A or Plan B.

Beams for Bulletin Boards—W. F. Powell.

Stewardship Sermon Ideas—J. F. Murphy.

Stewardship Success Stories.

If Every Baptist Should Tithe.

Stewardship Failure Stories—Minnie Belle.

Facts on Giving—J. P. Edmunds

The Importance of the Dotted Line—Robert Scales.

Stewardship Measures Maturity—W. Barry Garrett.

Seeing and Hearing Stewardship—Earl Waldrup.

Now—More Than Ever—Baker James Cauthen.

Sheaves of Mercy—Courts Redford.

Questions and Answers on Pledging.

Before or After Taxes—W. D. Kendall.

Immortal Money—W. C. Fields.

A Greater Work—Winston Pearce

Let the Children Pledge—Allen West.

Street To Lead Houston Revival



REV. J. H. STREET

Rev. J. H. Street, until recently pastor of the Second Avenue Church, Laurel, and now pastor of the First Church, Conway, Ark., will be the evangelist during a series of revival services at the Houston Church, June 28 through July 4.

James Bickham, song leader of the First Church, McComb, will direct the music.

Evangelism Department Worker Has Retired

BY C. E. WILBANKS

Miss Altie Grubb, for over six years an employee in Baptist Building, has retired. She became eligible for her small annuity, and had no choice in the matter.

She served two and a quarter years as office secretary for Baptist Foundation; one and a half years as bookkeeper for Ministers' Retirement, and two and a half years as secretary for the Director of Evangelism.

She is employed this summer by the WMU as camp hostess at Garaywa. She will make some church an excellent secretary, and could do some educational work. Training Union is her specialty.

The office secretary for Evangelism now is Mrs. Charles L. (Virginia) Miller.

First Church, Moselle, will hold revival services June 12-27. Rev. Van C. Windham, pastor of 38th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, will be the evangelist. Cecil Harper of First Church, Petal, will lead the singing. Rev. H. L. Davis is the pastor.

Counselor's Corner

BY DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, Pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind."

He writes this column each week for the Baptist Record.

FRIGHTENED CHILDREN

Question:

Three years ago I was told that I had only one year to live. I have a chronic kidney infection. My condition is critical and I may die at any time, though I am still up and around.

My problem is this: I have two small children, a boy four and a half and a girl a year younger. While I was in the hospital my relatives kept telling the children that if they were not good their mother would die. Now when I scold them they cry and say, "Don't die, Mother; we won't do it again." This breaks my heart for I am afraid that when I do die they will feel that they are to blame.

How can I relieve their minds of the horror that lurks there?

Answer:

I cannot imagine your relatives doing such a thing to your children. But unfortunately adults often try to control children by fear. It is a great mistake. But you can likely overcome a part of the harm.

In the first place I would do everything possible to avoid creating guilt feelings in the two children. Punish them if you need to but let them know that when the punishment is over the matter is settled. Never shame them nor try to make them feel that they are terrible children. They are just children who need external controls to support them as they grow. You can be that control.

Then I would explain to them very frankly that there is no connection between your sickness and their conduct. They are old enough to understand. Tell them that the relatives were dead wrong and that they tried to scare them because they wanted them to behave. Put it in a child's language. Help them to see that all children are naughty at times but that they will outgrow it. Accept their childhood. You can do that and be firm at the same time.

(Address questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.)

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HOSEA PLEADS WITH ISRAEL

Bible Lesson: First seven chapters of Hosea.

I. THE DATE, THE PROPHET, THE TRAGIC LIFE, THE NATIONAL SITUATION

1. The date is not certain, but it may be most likely from about the middle to the beginning of the last quarter of the seventh century, B. C., or beginning at about the end of the reign of Jeroboam II and extending over a period of some thirty years.

2. The name of the prophet, Hosea, means "helper" and we are told that his father's name was Beeri. This Hosea was a citizen of the northern kingdom, Israel, and so spoke to his own home people.

3. Hosea's prophetic ministry occurred during a hectic period in the history of his country, following the death of Jeroboam II, a period which saw the death of two kings by assassination, and the gathering of the stormclouds of war on the northern horizon, the invasion of the land by Paul the Assyrian, known also as Tiglath-Pileser. He reduced Menahem to the state of a vassal king who was confirmed in his position by the payment of a thousand talents of silver which he wrung from his wealthiest subjects.

Menahem's son Pekahiah reigned in his father's room for two years at the end of which he was murdered by one of his officers, Pekah, who seized the throne and held it for twenty years. Pekah's reign was a period of indescribable wickedness. Look at Hosea's picture of the national situation: "Hear the word of the Lord, O people of Israel; for the Lord has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land; there is no faithfulness or kindness, and no knowledge of God in the land; there is swearing, lying, killing, stealing, and committing adultery; they break all bounds and murder follows murder."

As a student of Bible history might expect there was in the land among all the people a growing practice of idolatry. The people had turned away from the God of their fathers and, as they entered more and more deeply still into the practices of the shameful religions of their time, they lost the knowledge of the one true God and became more and ever more nearly confirmed in the idolatrous practices which provoked their God to say through Hosea, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."

4. The private life of the prophet holds much that is tragic in its telling. Very little is known of the facts concerning the prophet himself so that we are dependent altogether upon what he himself tells us. Unknown the region of his birth, the place in which he died unknown, the fact that his prophecy was preserved among the sacred books of Judah after the fall of the northern kingdom leads to the belief that he spent his last days in Judah, and perhaps wrote his prophecy down in that land, after

having uttered it in Israel.

Hosea was commanded to become a symbol of the shame brought upon Jehovah by Israel and the everlasting love with which God loved his sinning people. Hosea was commanded to take to wife an unchaste woman of such character that she would most likely prove unfaithful and whose children would bear the bar sinister of a mother's shame. She bore as Hosea's wife whose names signify the ruin of the people. God named these children, the first, Jezreel, which was to signify, "For yet a little while and I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel, and Jehovah will shut up His pity from the House of Israel, and so Hosea was commanded to name the second child, a daughter, Lo-Ruhamah, "not pitied."

Having cast off the sinning people, Jehovah commanded Hosea to name the third child, a son, Lo-Ammi, for "You are not my people, and I am not your God." A short while after the birth of this child, Gomer, the wife, deserted her husband to enter a life of shame. Her charms as paramour having faded, she was being sold into slavery when Hosea was commanded to seek her out, which he did only to find her despised and deserted. Out of a love still real and unabated, Hosea purchased Gomer out of slavery and took her to his home, not to enjoy the privilege of an honored wife, which privilege she had wantonly flung away, but to live down the past and repent of her sin through a life of seclusion, mortification, and tears.

II. OUT OF THE EVENTS OF HIS PERSONAL LIFE, THE PROPHET'S DECLARATION AND EXHORTATION.

The sad story of the prophet's life was to teach its lesson that, if the people of the kingdom did not would but see it, Hosea's life was an illustration of the unfaithfulness of the people and of the persistent love of God for them. If they would not repent of their unfaithfulness and return in penitence to God, they must needs go away into irretrievable ruin and hopeless obscurity except for a remnant that might one day be reclaimed; but, and if they would repent and return to Jehovah, he would have mercy upon them, forgive and restore them. Already had this people suffered bitterly for the sins which they had committed, and they must know that they had deserved every stroke the Lord had inflicted upon them. But if now they will get right, their God who is great in mercy will, after two days revive them; and "On the third day He will raise us up, that we may live before Him."

What response would one expect from the people who had suffered so much as a punishment for their wickedness to an offer so gracious as that the Lord made here to Israel? But what was their reaction to this proffered restoration to the favor of the Lord? Their repentance had no depth and no permanent quality, but like the morning dew which will not abide the heat of the rising sun, it was no sooner tried under any temptation than it vanished utterly. Wedded to sin in many forms, the foolish people still followed the lead



Shown above are six Blue Mountain College students who will work for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention this summer. They will be located in mission fields in the United States.

Left to right: Mary Jacob, Franklin, Ky.; Bonnie Jo Arendale, Batesville, Miss.; Shirley Pinkston, Capleville, Tenn.; Louise Horn, Houston, Miss.; Lillian Lewis, Homestead, Fla.; Carolyn Pulliam, Walnut, Miss.

Linwood Church Calls Rev. Paul McDonald

Rev. Paul McDonald, pastor for approximately three years at Hillsboro, has accepted the call to Linwood Church, (Neshoba County).

Mr. McDonald will be pastor of both churches during the summer months, serving the Hillsboro Church at regular Sunday services and serving the Linwood Church Saturday evenings, and on Sunday afternoons.

Mr. McDonald succeeds Rev. Jodie Moore, who resigned at Linwood several months ago to become pastor of a church near his home in Leake County.

of the wicked in thought and act. And this is often the normal way. Men will fall into sin, suffer the consequences of it, realize that they are reaping the harvest of their own sowing, and with eyes open wide and conscience fully awake to the certainty of continued punishment, will continue in their sinful course to the point of their utter ruin. Account for that, now, will you? All I know is that it is the way of the carnal heart. But to flout the measureless love of God in so flagrant a fashion! All I know is that men do it, and women, right along, persistently and definitely.

But let us end by emphasizing the infinite love of God. It is high as heaven! Who can ascend to it? Deep as hell; who can sink beneath it? As ends all warnings from the throne of the Eternal, so ends this warning in a promise of forgiveness and restoration to favor of God for everyone and every nation that strays away from Him, and afterwards in sincerity and earnestness of spirit returns to Him for cleansing and for strength.

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are my ways your ways, saith Jehovah. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts (Isaiah 55:8,9). You or I would blast beyond recovery the people who would treat us as the wicked and the unrighteous treat Him, but Jehovah is not like us; but will forgive the sinning and restore the transgressor.

TEXAS PASTOR NAMED EDITOR OF STANDARD

DALLAS, Texas —(BP)—E. S. James, pastor of First Baptist Church, Vernon, Tex., for the past seventeen years has been elected editor of the Baptist Standard, denominational paper of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. He succeeds David M. Gardner who will retire in November.

After graduating from Southwestern Oklahoma College, James taught for six years in Oklahoma. He was honored by Howard Payne College in 193 with the D. D. degree.

Past president of the executive board of the Texas convention, James has also served as trustee of Decatur Baptist College and Howard Payne College.

50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

BY REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.

50 YEARS AGO—

Pastor W. A. Hewitt of the Columbia Baptist Church will spend the summer in the University of Chicago, and young Robert L. Sproles of the Southern Seminary will supply for him.

40 YEARS AGO—

Pastor W. B. Holcomb reports a great meeting at Quitman resulting in 29 additions, 19 by baptism, assisted by his son, T. Luther Holcomb.

The Louisville Church had 37 accessions, 24 for baptism, during a meeting in which Rev. L. G. Gates did the preaching and Singer F. E. McCravy of Laurens, S. C. led the singing. Also a Baptist Young People's Union was organized.

25 YEARS AGO—

The Clinton Church conducted its first Daily Vacation Bible School, said to be "the first effort along this line in a town where schools are their daily bread." (The first Daily Vacation Bible School to be conducted in Mississippi was in the Magee Baptist Church in June of 1923, with Miss Edwina Robinson of Blue Mountain College as director, and J. L. Boyd as pastor.)

The revival meeting at Magee in which Pastor L. W. Ferrell was assisted by Rev. Locke Davis resulted in fifteen accessions and a good revival in the church.

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Colombian Persecutions A Fact Says Missionary

BY H. W. SCHWEINSBURG
(Editor's Note: H. W. Schweinsburg is a Southern Baptist Foreign Missionary to Colombia.)

With our fast growing Foreign Mission work there have been problems. Internal problems that have only served to highlight the New Testament basis of Baptist ecclesiology and democracy. Then there has been the violent and concerted opposition to the gospel of Christ by the ecclesiastical leaders of the Roman Catholic church. This opposition has been especially fierce in the republic of Colombia.

During the past five years, 42 protestant church buildings have been completely destroyed by dynamite or fire. This, apart from 31 other buildings partially damaged, as was our own Baptist building in the city of Bogota. During this period 110 protestant schools have been closed down. Fifty-one church members have been cruelly murdered, including five native pastors. During the past year, 1953, there were 49 different attacks by the national police upon congregations that were gathered together for worship. Subsequent and careful investigation by the Evangelical Confederation of Colombia has revealed that 70 per cent of these attacks were personally inspired or directed by some minister of the established state church.

Make no mistake, dear brethren, we assure you, after years of close and constant contact with the problem, that this persecution and opposition is inspired and directed in almost every case by the leaders of the Roman Catholic church in South America reaching back to their ecclesiastical superiors in Rome.

Cardinal Luque, archbishop of Bogota, Colombia, commenting upon the recent government circular, No. 310, in which non-catholic religions are outlawed, made the statement publicly that this decree was "an immense benefit to the nation."

Dictator Gomez, the first to give political support to these murderous attacks upon Protestantism has had conferred upon him the highest honor that can be given by the Pope of Rome to any civilian—the order of Pia.

It is in this great land of liberty and freedom, it is necessary to be concerned about the red threat of Communism it seems prudent that there ought to be some concern about the purple threat of an organization that would fain throttle these fair freedoms wherever it has the political power to do so.

Does this opposition indicate to us that we are unwanted in Latin America? During these years of

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Shown above is the Vacation Bible School of First Church, Ellisville. Miss Joan Stockstill, BSU Secretary at Jones Junior College served as principal.

And When Thou Prayest

(Matthew 6:5)

By DR. JOHN D. FREMAN

One who has been trained, by years of teaching and of proof-reading, to know good language, and who has sought to follow the bidding of the Master in whatever he does in the way of worship, cannot help but be disturbed by the amount of "vain repetition" which forms part of the ordinary prayers of the day.

Recently, in a city church, the pastor uttered titles of God, Our Father, Lord, Master, Oh, God! etc. seventeen times in the morning prayer which lasted less than three minutes. And, in spite of the fact that God knew it was morning, and his prayer could not have been understood by any hearer as taking place at any other time, he used the vulgarism, "this mornin'," twenty-one times in that prayer. A Bible Institute student in a chapel prayer one day used a title of God on an average for every other four words of his petition.

With no thought of irreverence, the title of God only one time in the model prayer and that in the initial address (Our Father), we would make it read like this: "Our Father who art in heaven, Lord; hallowed, Lord, be thy name Jesus! Oh, God we pray, Lord, for our daily bread, Father; and Oh Lord! forgive us. . . etc.

The easiest thing in the world

persecution, the work of all denominations has grown more than during any other period of missionary activity. To see a church, in the midst of this persecution, grow in attendance from 60 to 350, should prove that we are welcome as messengers of the Gospel. For the inauguration of the Central Baptist Church building in Barranquilla, Colombia, given by Maxey Jarman (thank God), there were present, after only six years of missionary endeavor, 1,564. During this period two other churches had been organized in this city.

Surely this indicates that these people need and want the Gospel.

Already a beginning has been made. Now ten native conventions have their own home and foreign mission programs. Baptists of Brazil alone support five foreign missionaries in Bolivia and 117 Home missionaries throughout the republic.

12,000 baptisms each year is your spiritual return on your missionary investment in Latin America.

Violent attacks are made against protestants and Baptists over wealthy radio broadcasts throughout the nation yet non-catholics are barred the use of press or radio to present their teachings or to defend themselves against these insulting and abusive railings.

for a minister to do, as all of us older ones know so well, is to form foolish habits without being aware of them and without realizing how they can handicap us. A choir once besought me, "Please suggest to our pastor that he quit wringing his hands behind his back while preaching; some of us almost have jitters because of it." A faithful woman recently said, "I grow so tired watching our pastor lounge around on the pulpit stand that I want to shout at him to stand up!"

These vain repetitions in our prayers grow out of our carelessness, and we do not know we have come to use them. In the model prayer, Jesus addressed God in the first words and, since all the remainder of the petition was being made to Him, he did not repeat the address. In his prayer recorded in John 17, He used the title three times, once because of clarity, "Thou, Father, and I art one."

Do we want to learn of Him? If we do, there will be more attention given to the matter of prayer. Parents in the home will seek to correct this bad habit which had its origin in the emotional outbursts of illiterate worshippers and has come into nearly all of our churches. Let pastors preach often about it; let Sunday School teachers call attention to it; let us learn of Jesus how to pray, and these unthought-of vain repetitions will soon disappear from our meeting places.

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Have you wondered just how to go about putting your faith to work in all your daily living? Read THIS DO AND LIVE by Roy M. Pearson, Congregational minister. "First make a steadfast decision for Christ," says Mr. Pearson, "then build all of your life upon that decision. Determine your choice of vocation by it. Base your home life on higher standards than material needs, sex, and public opinion. Take your religion into your business and social life. And finally, in this steadfast faith look upon death for yourself and your loved ones, not as the end of everything, but as the doorway to eternal life." Special features of the book emphasized by the publisher are Mr. Pearson's gift for combining practicality and inspiration, and his fresh use of a variety of illustrative material. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from Abingdon Press, Nashville, Tennessee for \$2.

Raymond Kosanke, son of Carl Kosanke, the Educational Director of Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, is available for leading the music in revivals this summer. He has just completed his second year as a student of music in Oklahoma Baptist University and has dedicated his life to the field of church music. He can be reached in care of Calvary Baptist Church.

Keep Them Alive In Fifty-Five

BY LAWSON H. COOKE

This slogan was suggested by a recent experience while attending the Sunday morning worship service at one of our larger churches.

At one point during the service the pastor announced that, during the past twelve months, more than four hundred new members had been received into the membership of the church. Then he really took a long shot.

He asked everyone who had come into the church membership during the past year—more than 400, remember—to stand. Fewer than one hundred, not twenty-five per cent, responded. More than seventy-five per cent—and these were brand new members—had fallen by the wayside.

Could one ask for more convincing proof that enlistment is the great need in our church life today? Some definite plan to promptly and usefully assimilate into the life of our churches the new members who are coming in increasing numbers week after week?

Unfortunately, very few churches have anything approaching a practical and comprehensive enlistment program. In too many cases we receive them, shake their hand—that is, about one per cent of us do—put their names on the books, and proudly report "so many" additions at the annual meeting of the association. Then wait for the applause.

Let's do something about this thing. True, it's a big job, but let's tackle. One week a year in study groups will help—every little bit helps—but it won't do the job.

A perpetual, around-the-clock program of enlisting new members, each church fitting the details into its own needs, is the thing we must have at this time of unprecedented growth in church membership.

"A Million More in Fifty-four"? Absolutely!

But: "Keep Them Alive in Fifty-five."

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In the novel, JOY COMES AGAIN TO THE VALLEY, Laura Hollon Henderson, wife of a Methodist minister, writes of a slim Southern girl who fights a battle with almost every disaster imaginable. The heroine marries and goes to live in a wind-swept Kansas valley where she endures and becomes strong through dust, flood, depression, World War I, the flu epidemic, the disappearance of her husband. In places the plot is thin and obvious. In description the author uses often trite adjectives and phrases. Some of the characters do not have enough depth. However, Mrs. Hollon may be given credit in her development of the characters of Magaleen Richmond, the heroine, and her old colored Mammy. It is worth reading the whole book to read the chapter about Mammy's death. This chapter shows how beautiful and peaceful death can be for those who have lived close to the Lord. Magaleen's midnight prayer experiences under the cottonwood tree add to the value and the readability of the book. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from Vantage Press, Inc., 180 West 21 Street, New York for \$2.75.

Ackland Favors Democratic Way

The advantages of our democratic way of life are pointed out in an article in the July issue of the Baptist Training Union Magazine, monthly publication of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. Rev. and Mrs. Donald F. Ackland and the family, who came from England in 1948, and received their citizenship papers December 10, 1953, in the Federal Court, Nashville, are the subject of the article. Miss Mable King Beeker, associate editor of the magazine, observed the naturalization proceedings of twenty-five people from a dozen different countries, including the Ackland family. She tells how Judge Elmer Davies addressed the group as "my fellow citizens," and then gives his message in part.

In the same issue Rev. Ackland, who is editor of the Sunday School Board's devotional quarterly, Open Windows, has an article on "This Dear, Dear Land." He wrote it just after he became a citizen of "this dear, dear land." Mr. Ackland says: "None has more reason to love his country than the citizen of a Christian land. God grant that America, 'this dear, dear land,' may learn the lesson which both revelation and history so clearly teach and find her highest good in righteousness of life, unselfish service for the world, and glad obedience to the will of heaven."

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"The glory of preaching," writes Dr. Walter Russell Bowie, Episcopal writer and teacher, "is to tell men that they have a friend to make their hearts as well as their minds believe it." Dr. Bowie's new book entitled PREACHING gives guidance for effective preaching—background reading; sermon text, topic, outline, and construction; and delivery from the pulpit. It brings guidance for one of the "basic functions of the ministerial profession—direction and stimulus to the beginner; renewed enthusiasm and inspiration also to the man of longer experience who is the living link between the needs of men and the sufficiency of God." Order from the Baptist Book Store or from Abingdon Press, 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tennessee for \$2.75.

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Warning To Pulpit Committees

By DUKE K. McCALL

A fraudulent theological degree is evidence of character defects in a minister. As a member of the committee of the American Association of Theological Schools on Fraudulent Degrees, I have been shocked to discover the number of institutions which award all types of degrees, but usually a doctor's degree, for which the primary requirement is the payment of a sum of money—which may be \$50 or \$250. Little, if any, study in residence is required.

It is impossible to get a respectable doctor's degree for less than one year of residence in any reputable institution and the standard is two years.

The standard degrees in the United States are: Bachelor of Divinity (B.D.), Master of Theology (Th. M.), and Doctor of Theology (Th. D.). A few institutions still give a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph. D.) in religion. These are all earned degrees.

There are legitimate honorary degrees awarded for outstanding achievement, but these degrees mean less than nothing unless they are awarded by respectable colleges or universities. Honorary degrees most often used are the Doctor of Divinity (D.D.), the Doctor of Laws (LL. D.), the Doctor of Literature (Lit. D.). Unfortunately, these degrees are frequently sold by institutions which exist only on paper. In any case they indicate no study or preparation for the ministry.

It should be noted that such honorary degrees from accredited colleges or universities are, as the name indicates, an honor.

Southern Baptists have no academic or degree requirements for the ministry. The best professional training for the ministry is that which is included in the Bachelor of Divinity degree. There is no degree which provides more adequate training for the minister than this degree, when it comes from an institution recognized or accredited by the American Association of Theological Schools.

The Doctor of Theology Degree is a graduate, research, type of degree and does not necessarily indicate any special aptitude for the pastorate. Many of the finest seminary graduates and most useful pastors do not hold any doctor's degree. A pulpits committee which stipulates that the man they seek must have a doctor's degree is using a false standard of measurement. That pulpits committees do use that standard is the reason weak men have sometimes purchased fraudulent degrees.

Honesty, academic standards and the welfare of our churches require that the Bachelor of Divinity be recognized as the finest degree a pastor can hold, and even it is worth nothing unless he be a man called of God and guided by the Holy Spirit.

Further, the task of determining the theological soundness of a Baptist minister does not belong to seminary officials but to the ordaining council and the church which sets him apart to the ministry. It is possible for a Methodist minister to graduate from a Baptist seminary and vice versa. Counsel with the brethren who know the man you are about to recommend to your church and weigh

him in terms of what he actually believes and his intrinsic value rather than on the basis of some fancy title or "pulpits committee" sermon.

P. S.—Preacher brethren, let us tell the truth in our recommendations of each other.

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Christian Scientists Challenge X-Ray Order

LOS ANGELES (RNS)—Christian Scientists have warned they may make a religious freedom test case out of an order requiring all teachers to take chest X-rays.

The order was issued by Schools Superintendent Alexander J. Stoddard in accordance with a legal opinion from the county counsel's office.

It primarily affects about 200 teachers and other employees who had been exempt from medical examinations on religious grounds.

The action followed charges that a Van Nuys, Calif. high school teacher, who died of tuberculosis two months ago, had exposed 72 of her pupils to the disease. A Christian Scientist, the teacher had not submitted to a medical examination.

Charles L. Reilly, a Christian Science practitioner, testified at a hearing on the requirement. He challenged the school system's right to enforce such a regulation and indicated that his Church would fully back any teacher refusing to comply and would make it a court test case.

The deceased teacher had signed an affidavit in lieu of X-rays and Reilly argued that such affidavits "are a legal and proper protection to the public."

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DEFEAT MOVE TO BAR SUNDAY SESSIONS OF LA. LEGISLATURE

BATON ROUGE, La. (RNS)—A resolution expressing opposition to meetings of the Louisiana legislature on Sundays was defeated 45-22 by the House.

Rep. Tod Husser, Tangipahoa parish representative who sponsored the resolution, said "If we work on Sundays how can we expect to be called part of the United States which is supposed to be a Christian nation?"

"A lot of you fellows would like to be home or in church on Sunday nights. The Lord went to a lot of trouble to make this world in six days and said we should rest on the seventh."

Rep. Jasper Smith of Caddo parish said that "while I hate to meet on Sundays, we'll have to in order to get our business done."

Rep. Willard Rambo of Grant parish reminded the House that it has not met on any week night "except when we had a prearranged circus."

Rep. Rolfe McCollister of East Baton Rouge added "it's ridiculous the way we've been acting to say we have to come back on Sunday night."



Shown above is the Vacation Bible School group at Calvary Church, Lincoln county. The average attendance was 80. Rev. Holmes Carlisle is the pastor.

Preachers Should Shun Politics Warns Nebraska Congressman

A warning from Rep. A. L. Miller (R., Neb.), that clergymen should stay out of politics has stirred a controversy in the Nation's Capital.

The controversy was sparked by a sermon preached by Dr. Albert P. Shirkey, the outspoken pastor of Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church, who called upon Congress to clean up the District slums or give the District home rule so residents could do it themselves.

Congressman Miller, during a discussion of the District public works bill (later approved by the House) said it would suit him better if clergymen "would stay with the Bible and stay out of the political arena; because if they get into the political arena, they'll find they're in pretty fast and unfamiliar company."

Some ministers have criticized the bill.

Commenting upon Congressman Miller's remarks, Dr. Frederick E. Reissig, executive secretary of the Washington Federation of Churches said:

"I hope the day will never come when clergymen will not discuss basic human needs and civic problems. If that infringes on politics, then, let it."

Dr. Edward Hughes Pruden, pastor of First Baptist Church, said:

"Representative Miller's antiquated conception of the area of religious concern is almost as deplorable as the existence of the slums themselves."

THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT, Volume I, contains 26 messages, printed just as G. Campbell Morgan, "Prince of Expositors," preached them in historic Westminster Chapel, London, England. This first volume of a new ten-volume set of sermon expositions on such subjects as "The Limitations of Liberty," "The Authority of Jesus," "If Christ Did Not Rise—What Then?," "The Potter's Work on the Wheels," "Love's Proof and Prize," "The Children's Play ground in the City of God," "Ability for Disability," and "The Purpose of the Advent." Dr. Morgan, writer of more than seventy volumes, has been called "one of the most powerful witnesses for Christ since the Reformation." Order from the Baptist Book Store or from Fleming H. Revell Company, 316 Third Avenue, Westwood, New Jersey for \$4. The introduction is by Wilbur M. Smith.

Rev. Ward McCabe, of Harrisonburg, Va., in a communication to a Washington newspaper, has pointed up the amusement—and chagrin—that was caused among many clergymen of all faiths by Representative A. L. Miller's (R., Nebr.), warning that preachers should "stay out of politics and stick to the Bible." Mr. McCabe wrote: "The Bible is jammed with instances of the most serious concern on the part of the prophets and the Christian disciples for the correction of community ills. . . (He) will find 100 or so examples in the book of Amos. . . It is likely that since the beginning of time the weakest defense of the public official or his own failure to meet such problems is his claim that they do not involve moral or religious issues. Anything that causes unjust injury to any man is a religious issue. And this is one of the chief things the Bible is about."

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If you would like to "smell the spicy jungle scent, see the flash of a brilliant bird or listen to the savage vibrance of the gongs" of French Indo-China read FARTHER INTO THE NIGHT by Mrs. Gordon H. Smith, missionary to that country. For the last four and a half years Mrs. Smith and her husband

THE PASTORS SHRINKING SALARY

BY W. G. STRACENER

You may be a party to having reduced your pastor's pay without having even realized that it has been reduced. Oh, you are not paying him fewer dollars, but if there have not been sizeable increases in recent years then the purchasing power of his salary has been definitely cut.

According to a recent survey, the findings of which were released by Dr. Benson Y. Landis in the 1953 Yearbook of American Churches, "Not only have Protestant ministers been unable to keep up with rising living costs, but in terms of purchasing power, they were nearly 13 per cent worse off than twelve years ago." The U. S. Government has released figures which indicate that during the same period the incomes of employees in manufacturing plants went up, in purchasing power 42 per cent; in service trades 33 per cent; and for the average government employee 34.9 per cent.

The study dealt specifically with three denominations whose figures were complete, Congregational Christian, United Presbyterian, and Protestant Episcopal. But such figures as we have indicate that the average Southern Baptist pastor rated even lower in annual income than these groups studied. Hence, they have felt the pinch even more. Our Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information of the Sunday School Board reports that Southern Baptist pastors received an average salary of \$2,498 in 1952, an increase of some 5.3 per cent over 1951. Pastors of part-time churches averaged considerably less.

Numbers of our churches have been alert to rising costs and have adjusted their pastor's and other employees' salaries accordingly. It is perfectly obvious, however, that the majority have not raised such salaries sufficiently to keep pace either with increased living costs or with the average increased income of the church membership being served.

Worthy pastors are not in the service for the size of the pay, but we must remember that "the laborer is worthy of his hire." No self-respecting church will want to penalize an employee because he happens to be a God-called man.

The church which has not already made the adequate adjustments in its pastor's salary should claim at once the blessing that will come from such concern for Christ's under-shepherd.

Dr. W. G. Stracener is editor of the Florida Baptist Witness

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have told hundreds of the tribespeople the good news of the Saviour. In vivid, picturesque language the author tells of trips on elephant back into the jungle, the delightful animals (including monkeys) kept in the household, the thrills of hunting big game, the strange and weird customs of the tribesmen. The book contains a number of photographs. Read of the faith and courage involved in winning the Indo-Chinese to Christ. Order this book from the Baptist Book Store or from Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, for \$2.50.